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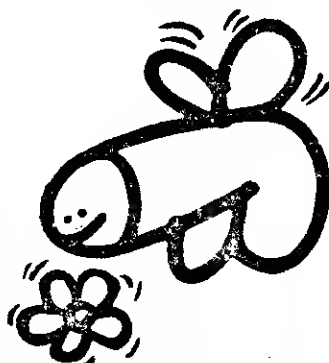
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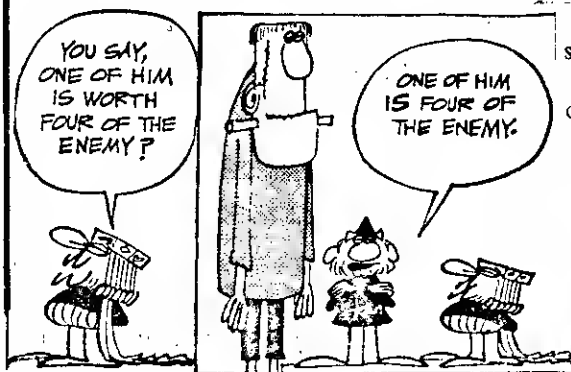
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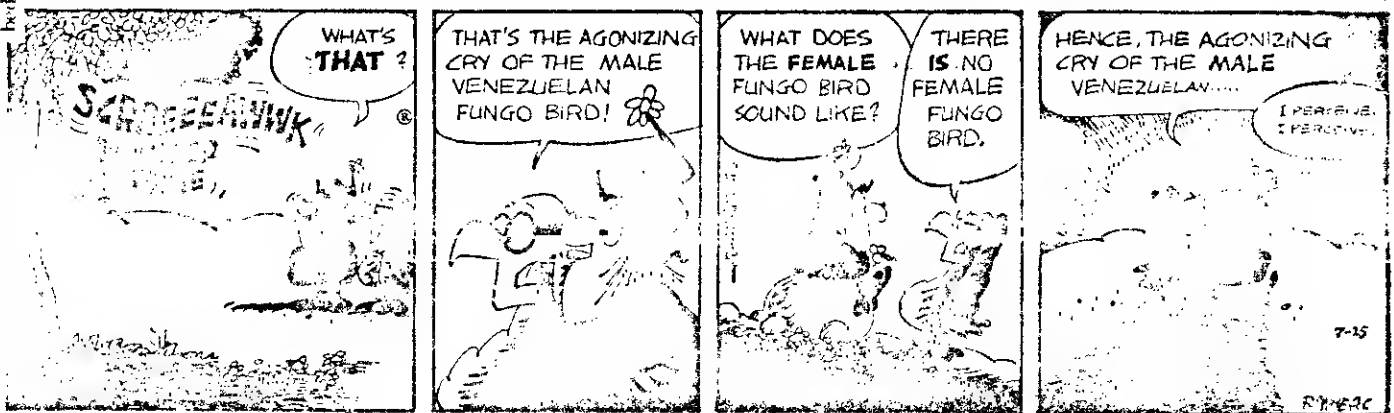
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An L.A. Fire Department spokesman told the Free Press that only one similar case has been reported in Los Angeles County: a person fell asleep while smoking a cigarette on a water bed, the bedding caught fire, and the water from the exploded bed put the flames out!

Sorry
The meeting of the Soothseers Society, originally scheduled for Tuesday, has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

This Three Hundredth Issue of GRAUSTARK is dedicated to a good friend whom I've never met:

CONRAD VON METZKE

publisher of East, one of the oldest 'zines in the field, and knowledgeable commentator on any of a dozen fields of human activity besides.

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Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK are 8 issues for \$1.00; when the postal rates increase in January this rate will rise to 12 issues for \$2.00. Back issues are 15¢ each or 10 issues for \$1.00. (Three especially large issues are 50¢ each: #289 [the 10th Anniversary Issue]; #298 [the Book & Game Review Issue]; and this one. Available back issues are 131, 137, 139, 167, 171, 199, 206, 206, 239, 248-250, 252, 253, 257-259, 271, 273-283, 285-287, 289, 291-299. For orders from outside the US see #299, p. 10. No game openings are presently available.	
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These over-size issues are getting to be something of a headache, and this will be the last of them for the foreseeable future. Future issues will be limited to 12 pages, a fact which the writers of press releases would do well to keep in mind.	
All readers will receive this issue by 1st class mail. Except for	

THE BRIGHT PART OF VALOR

[The events of October 1973 have caused me to do some severe reconsideration of positions I have taken in the past on war, the President, and public policy. They are summarized in the following letter, which I have written to an author of my acquaintance who is prominent among those who have long supported the Vietnam War and other policies of the President and his predecessor.]

This is not going to be an easy letter for me to write. It is not lightly that a man abandons the convictions of a lifetime, but the events of this month make the shape of things eminently clear.

I have "seen the light" as you would probably put it, or "decided to sell out" as my associates in the peace movement might describe my actions. A decade of effort to end the war and break the power of the President have failed, and it now appears that our government is going to make a final reckoning with those who have for so long questioned and challenged it. I now realize that I am going to have to go on living, teaching, and raising a family in a country whose permanent way of life is war, and whose President is able to overwhelm any opposition that can be brought against him.

I have spent a decade opposing one war, which is still in progress. It now appears that another such war has begun, and to it the American government is so deeply committed that active military involvement seems unavoidable. My cousin has been stationed in an Arabic country for over a year. My contacts in the peace movement have informed me that the Marines have recently completed maneuvers in the Mojave Desert, and that the Ohio Air National Guard has painted its fighter planes in desert camouflage colors. Our campus newspaper compares the opponents of American involvement in the Middle East to the supporters of Adolf Hitler. Two billion dollars of military aid have been publicly committed to this war.

There is no conceivable center of opposition from which this trend can be resisted. The press has given the President an endorsement of some 95%, and those few newspapers who held out against him in last year's campaign have been named on the Enemy List. The Congress is controlled by men who supported the war in Vietnam and who have made even firmer commitments towards American policy in the Middle East. Organized labor announced, last year, a "neutrality" scarcely to be distinguished from support of the President, and it had confirmed this support by beating up peace demonstrators. The universities can be isolated from the public by the President's supporters in the media; indeed, our own continuation as educational institutions is endangered by the support which the academic community is guilty of giving to the President's enemies.

Now the President has swept the Justice Department clean of those foolish enough to call his acts into question. Despite some noise from what has proven in the past to be a tiny minority of Congress, I do not doubt that he can carry this housecleaning much further. For some years we have seen the antics of a few thousand men, in Washington and the other eastern seaboard cities, who apparently wake every morning with the thought: "How can I aggravate the President today?" These men should have visited the campus of Kent State University and there asked what happens to people who aggravate the President. Instead they have escalated their foolishness to talk of "impeachment". They will probably still be talking of "impeachment" when the men of the Medical Division file into the House galleries and put an end to the farce. These men have killed babies on order; the dismissal of an obstreperous legislative assembly on order will be a minor matter for them.

The shape of the future is eminently clear now, and I do not suffer

from myopia. The naive hopes of an 18th-century Constitution cannot stand against the realities of 20th-century war. Highly unpleasant things happen to people who are critical of the President, and I do not want them to happen to me.

For many years you have made yourself a spokesman for a view of war and the Presidential power which I have opposed. I now realize that, in opposing those things, I have done damage to my professional career, to the academic community to which I and so many other opponents of the President have belonged, and to the estimation in which I am held by yourself and by others who share your views, and whose voices will not be without influence in the days ahead.

I would therefore like to know how I can best make this change of mind known. I know that you have organized numerous advertisements in which scientists, academicians, and/or writers have pledged their support to the President's civil and military policies. I want to get my name on the next such advertisement, or on some other form of support for the President, so that I will have something to which to point as evidence of my change of mind when my earlier statements and writings are called into account against me. I want it established now, beyond any doubt, that whatever I may have said in the past I am now in firm support of the President's powers to make war and otherwise to ensure the national security in any way he may see fit.

This, I know, is going to involve public personal apologies to yourself and to several other personal acquaintances whom I have abused in very strong language in years past. I give you, as our ancestors said, 'self-judgment' in this matter.

If I can make my total, unflinching support of the President known by any of those means, or by any others that you can suggest, I want to do so. I need friends in places where for a decade I have sedulously cultivated enmity, and I need them fast. Locally, I have asked the assistance of the University Committee for Rational Alternatives, which is the spokesman for these views in the academic community. On a wider scale, I would appreciate very greatly any advice you could give me. Please do not recriminate over my past foolishness; I have already done enough of that with myself. But the hour is late, the sky looks threatening, and I am without a lightning rod.

[In line with my views as expressed above, I will no longer make GRAUSTARK a vehicle for opinions attacking the President; this includes letters, and political commentary disguised as "press releases". Back issues will still be available, but they will henceforth go out with a disclaimer indicating that they no longer represent my personal views on political and military matters.]

WHEN DO YOU EXPIRE?

The following people's subscriptions to GRAUSTARK expire with the indicated issue. Please renew before rates rise in January; the current rate is 8 issues for \$1.00.

- 299 - David Darden, George Grayson, Charles Hidalgo, George Lowrance.
- 300 - Robert O. Blum, Marshall B. Haller, William A. Moier, Kenneth C. Potts, Eric Robinson.
- 301 - Steven Bavington, Brian J. Blume, Andrew Hurd, Michael Iampedaries.
- 302 - Gary Blomings, Tim Carleton, John Hurland, Ernie Melchior, V. G. Smith Jr.
- 303 - Robert Holmberg, Chris Pearson, Kenneth Scher.
- 304 - David Ayres, John O'Neill.

In addition, the subscriptions of Joseph Alfenito, Scott Huddleston, and Michael Stroz will end when 1972A does.

THE PROBABLE ALLIANCE

by Robert Bryan Lipton

[Lately GRAUSTARK has been happy to publish numerous contributed articles on the strategy of Diplomacy. In #284 and #299 appeared Eric Verbeiden's two-part article on "Standard Diplomacy Openings". Bob Lipton, already known for his studies of stalemate positions in #268 and #282, here outlines an interesting strategy for an Austro-Turkish alliance. He will have another article in #301, dealing with asymmetrical stalemate positions.]

In GRAUSTARK #263, Rod Walker had published an article, "The Improbable Alliance". In it, he showed that statistically the Austro-Turkish alliance is not feasible for a game of Diplomacy.

I have myself had great success with the Austro-Turkish alliance, both as Turkey and as Austria. An account of one, "Warped Diplomacy", appeared in GRAUSTARK #262, just an issue previous to Walker's article.

That alliance was lopsided. However, since then I have played this alliance on more even footing, and have found that the Austro-Turkish alliance may be stopped, but not defeated. On the four other occasions I have played it to the end, the worst that the alliance achieved was stalemate.

In general, the best opening for such an alliance is:

AUSTRIA: P Tri-Ven; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Bud.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul; A Smy-Arn.

Please note that at this point, the remaining options are Austria's. He can, if he chooses, backstab Turkey and, with Russia, grab Bulgaria. Turkey's options have been reduced by the attack towards Sevastopol. In addition, he must guard against the Lepanto opening by Italy.

The next moves are:

AUSTRIA: A Bud-Rum; A Ser S A Bud-Rum; F Tri-Ven.

If Turkey's moves succeeded for spring, he attacks Sevastopol, supporting the Austrian move to Rumania with A Bul.

Please note that Russia can have on his southern front at this point no more than three units, while the opposing side has five. In the first year the alliance may gain as much as Sevastopol, the Black Sea, and Rumania, with the Russian southern fleet eliminated.

The possibility arises that Russia may initially move A War-Gal. The immediate reaction is to pull back and guard Vienna. However, if Russia grabs Vienna, Austria has Rumania. To give up Rumania not only fails to improve the Austrian's supply center number, but it also loses the initial position. Russian control of Vienna would over-extend it. To grab Budapest would place it in the center of Austrian power. Therefore, Austria should avoid panic and continue with his initial plan.

The constant attack on Venice is to prevent Italy from moving A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven and grabbing Trieste in the fall. Since in any situation, it avoids conflict to have both Trieste and Venice occupied, Austria may credibly argue that this attack prevents any serious war.

At this point, if Italy is moving into the Lepanto opening, Turkey replies by building a fleet in Smyrna and blocks his heartland by moving it to the Eastern Mediterranean.

Unless Germany intervenes (a most unlikely situation), Sevastopol should be easy to grab, and Gallipoli fortified. At this point, the attack turns to Italy. Italy cannot fight both Austria and Turkey. He can be overwhelmed within two years, and the minimum stalemate lines are set up.

There are some conditions to the alliance for its workability. Austria must build only armies, and Turkey only fleets, becoming the tiger and the shark. An Austrian build of a fleet would tip Turkey off immediately,

and defeat would be quick. If Turkey builds armies, the abandonment of the alliance is obvious; and Austria can easily grab the land, while slowly building up fleets. It is necessary for the alliance to work that this happens. If the powers have the ability to fight each other, they almost certainly will.

But, if they maintain the conditions, the alliance will succeed.

As to how the alliance turns out: I have seen one game in which Austria won, one in which Turkey won, one in which they tied at seventeen units each, one in which Austria, Turkey, England, and Germany stalemated, and one in which they drew with England. It is towards the end of the game, when Turkey has broken into the Atlantic Ocean, or Austria is sending feelers into Burgundy, that the allies are likely to stab each other. However, it should be so difficult to attack each other that the alliance continues to the end of the game.

1973BE - PRESS RELEASES

MORONIA (Special to 71BB): As you may recall, the last time we heard from this particular dateline, the author unintentionally stranded a troop of Sabre-Toothed Neigers in the Fridolin Pass, closely followed by the Moronian Vampirial Guard.

Before re-establishing the story in my new Origins game I would like to fill you in on what has happened since. Fleeing madly from their formidable foes, they somehow managed to actually reach Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel. Proving that there actually is a way to reach the Balkan Massif overland.

The Moronian Vampirial Guard, while following the same path as the Sabre-Tooth, did not, however, actually make it into Wogastisburg-Schlampenbüttel until a day or two later. It seems they almost wiped themselves out when they blew into an enormous sign which read "Enter freely and of your own will."

However, by that time the Sabre-Toothed Neigers had completely melted into the surrounding populace. Showing a rare amount of intelligence, the Guard then gave up their search as hopeless, and returned home.

Will the Vampirial Guard actually make it to Moronia? Will the Sabre-Toothed Neigers attack Moronia again? Will King Evan I (and, it is to be hoped, the last) (Satisfied, Evan?) be deposed? Does Emperor Aurelio exist in the new timeline? Does Princess Herb exist in the new timeline? Does John Boardman exist in the new timeline? And, What about Macmi?

For the answer to these and other questions, tune in to future issues of GRAUSTARK. (No Herb Parents, there is still nothing you (or anyone else) can do about it!!!!)

MEDIA, PA. (G-KNEE): As we close in on the Brown House we hear President Hilbert Gaigor asking Russian General Medov a few questions.

"Alright Medov, where are the main Russian production centers?"

"Michael Medov, General, Zero."

"C'mon, Medov, Where are the main Russian troop concentrations headed?"

"Michael Medov, General, Zero"

"Ah, Medov, say something intelligent."

"G-KNEE"

W. 108TH STREET (Punk those parentheses): What was the purpose of that last release?

WGNE (TV): "And now ladies and gentlemen (Evan, turn your set off) the president of the United States."

(Hilb walks on)

"Citizens of the USA, I have an important announcement to make."

"From recent interrogations of a Russian general, we have determined that the next Russian thrust will be at none other than Media, the capital of the United States.

"I have already asked all citizens not involved with G-KNEE to leave to city and move south to Wilmington where temporary settlements have been made for them.

"We have also determined that the main Russian industries producing arms are located in Budapest (in the captured Hapsburg province of Hungary) and in Ungava."

UNGAVA (These are really getting out of hand): Considering that the Russian stab at Media cannot take place for six months, American forces have been ordered to attack Russian industries in Ungava to forestall the Russian invasion.

President Hilbert Geiger himself is leading the G-KNEE, elite armor, division.

ROME (HUN): Gloom! despair! and agony is me!

Deep down depression, excessive misery!

If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all!

Gloom! Despair! and agony is me.

ROME (HUN): Upon reading the Belgrade-in-Serbian release in GRAU-STARK #297, King Raymond Emmanuel I was forced to agree with the logic therein and hereby concedes to Austria-Hungary. (looks like we got 'em Nilb. 2 to zero)

NAPLES (HUN): King Raymond Emmanuel I (and best) (at least most) has issued a request (plea, etc.) to the Pope asking that he return to Naples. He added that the Pope should not hold grudges just because his Majesty changed the official religion of Italy to Druidism (reformed).

ROME (HUN): King Raymond Emmanuel I today announced that he would be glad to receive the ambassador from Wogastisburg-Schlampenbittel in what was left of Italy, providing the Grand Duke pledges to give his Majesty political asylum in the (not too distant) future.

NAPLES (HUN): Hey, guys. When I said I was tired of being at four centers all this time, this wasn't what I meant.

JOKESTER (LAUGH): Behind every successful man, there's a woman. Telling him he's doing it all wrong.

JOKESTER (LAUGH): Q: Why was Karim wearing black the other day?

A: She was mourning her husband.

Q: But she never had a husband.

A: That's why she was mourning!

JOKESTER (LAUGH): The operation was a success, doctor. But you left your rubber gloves inside the patient!

LIECHTENSTEIN (URRP): Count Max Verblundschet, roving Ambassador from the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlampenbittel, today roved to the Principality of Liechtenstein, where he heard of the offer of King Raymond Emmanuel I of Italy. The Ambassador announced that he would accept this offer and leave for Rome at once, if he could find it. "Furthermore," he told the press, "His Highness the Grand Duke has received so many requests similar to that from King Raymond Emmanuel I that a regular procedure has been established for handling them. All requests for political asylum will be handled by the Minister for Asylum, who is probably Heinrich Gohirren of the Left Conservative Agrarian Socialist Liberal Party, unless the government has fallen again."

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): Emperor Berberygamus, asked about the refugee problem, announced his willingness to admit any Italian refugees to the realm which claims it is the sole genuine Roman Empire. "Once they confess their loyalty to the Roman Empire, and abjure such seditious states erected upon our territories as 'the Kingdom of Italy'," he said during a break at the gladiatorial games, "our subjects from all parts of the Empire are welcome."

DECENNIAL DIPLOMACY

[On Sunday 8 July 1973 a gaming session was held here to celebrate the 10th anniversary of GRAUSTARK. Among the games played here was a game of Diplomacy, refereed by John J. Be-shara, who also helped with the arrangements for the party. This game lasted through 8 game years.

[In addition to the listed players for the game, those present included Herb Barents, Gil Neiger, Alex Katzoff, Bob Lipton, Mike Hansen, Al Nofi, and Ben Miller.]

ENGLAND: Howard Sidor
FRANCE: Pete Comber
GERMANY: Duncan Smith
ITALY: Mark Murray
TURKEY: Connie Barents

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: John De Prisco
RUSSIA: Edi Birsan (replaced in
"Spring 1904" by Miko Friedman,
and in "Fall 1905" by Harvoy
Lindauer)

"Spring 1901"

ENGLAND: A Liv-Lon; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth.
FRANCE: A Par-Bur; A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Mid.
GERMANY: A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Den.
ITALY: A Von-Tyr; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal; A Bud-Sor; F Tri-Alb.
RUSSIA: F Sev-Bla; A War-Gal; A Mos-Ukr; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot.
TURKEY: F Ank holds; A Smy-Con; A Con-Bul.

"Fall 1901"

ENGLAND: F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth-Bol; A Liv-Yor.
FRANCE: A Spa & A Bur hold; F Mid-Por.
GERMANY: A Kie-Den; A Ruh-Hol; F Den-Nth.
ITALY: A Tyr-Boh; A Apu-Tun; F Ion C A Apu-Tun.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Alb-Gre; A Vie-Gal; A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum!
RUSSIA: F Bla-Rum; A Ukr S F Bla-Rum; A War-Gal; F Bot.-Swe.
TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Bul-Rum; A Con-Bul.

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5) Builds F Edi, F Lon.
FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5) Builds A Par, A Mar.
GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) Builds A Mun, F Kie.
ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Von. (4) Builds F Nap.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5) Builds A Bud, A Tri.
RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sov, Swe, War. (5) Builds A Sov.
TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4) Builds A Smy.

"Spring 1902"

ENGLAND: F Edi-Nrg; F Bel-Nth; F Lon S F Bel-Nth; A Yor-Edi; F Nwy S
F Edi-Nrg.
FRANCE: A Par-Pic; A Mar-Bur; A Spa-Mar; F Por-Mid; A Bur-Bol.
GERMANY: A Hol S FRENCH A Bur-Bel; A Den-Kie; F Nth holds; F Kie-Hol;
A Mun-Tyr.
ITALY: A Boh S AUSTRIO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Gal; F Nap-Apu; A Tun-Nap; F Ion C
A Tun-Nap.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vie-Gal; A Bud & A Ser S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Tri-Tyr;
F Gre holds.
RUSSIA: A War-Gal; A Ukr S A War-Gal; A Sev-Arm; F Bla-Ank; F Swo holds.
TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul; A Bul-Rum; A Smy-Arm.
Germany retreats F Nth-Den.

"Fall 1902"

ENGLAND: F Nrg-Nwy; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Edi-Liv; F Nth holds; F Lon S F Nth.

FRANCE: A Bel & F Mid hold; A Pic & A Bur S A Bel; A Mar S A Bur.

GERMANY: A Kie-Ruh; A Mun & A Hol S A Kie-Ruh; F Hol S A Hol; F Den holds.

ITALY: F Ion-Eas; F Apu-Ion; A Nap-Apu; A Boh S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tri-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Gre-Bul; A Ser S F Gre-Bul; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie Gal; A Tri-Tyr.

RUSSIA: F Swe holds; F Bla-Con; A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A War-Gal.

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Arm; A Bul holds; A Rum-Ukr.

The Turkish A Bul & A Rum are annihilated.

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND: , Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6) Builds F Bre.

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6) Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA: Con, Mos, Rum, Sev, Swe, War. (6) Builds A Mos.

TURKEY: Ank, Smy. (2)

"Spring 1903"

ENGLAND: F St.P(n.c.) & F Nth hold; F Nwy S GERMAN F Den-Swe; A Liv-Edi; F Lon S F Nth.

FRANCE: F Mid-Wes; F Bre-Mid; A Bel holds; A Pic S A Bel; A Mar-Pic; A Bur-Mar.

GERMANY: F Den-Ska; F Hol-Den; A Mun S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Mun; A Hol S A

ITALY: F Ion-Aeg; F Eas S F Ion-Aeg; A Apu-Ven; A Boh-Mun. [Ruh.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Bul(s.c.) S A Gal-Rum; A Tyr S ITALIAN A oh-Mun; A Gal-Rum; A Bud S A Gal-Rum; A Ser S F Bul(s.c.); A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA: A War-Gal; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev S A Rum-Ukr; A Mos S A Sev; F Con-Aeg; F Swe holds.

TURKEY: A Arm-Smy; F Bla-Ank.

"Fall 1903"

ENGLAND: A Edi holds; F Lon-Nth; F Nth-Den; F Nwy holds; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar.

FRANCE: F Mid-Wes; F Wes-Tun; A Mar-Pic; A Pic-Tus; A Bel holds; A Pic-Bur.

GERMANY: F Ska-Nwy; F Den-Nth; A Mun & A Hol hold; A Ruh S A Mun.

ITALY: F Eas-Smy; F Aeg S F Eas-Smy; A Ven holds; A Boh-Mun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Rum holds; A Ser S A Rum; A Vie-Gal; A Bud S A Vie-Gal; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA: A Mos-St.P; A War-Sil; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr S A Sev-Rum; F Swe S

ENGLISH F Nth-Den; F Con S ITALIAN F Eas-Smy.

TURKEY: A Smy-Con; F Ank S A Smy-Con.

Russia retreats F Con-Bla and Germany retreats F Den-Bal.

"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (5)

FRANCE: Bol, Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (7) Builds F Mar.

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (4) Removes A Hol.

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Smy, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (7) Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (5) Removes A St.P.

TURKEY: Ank, Con. (2)

"Spring 1904"

ENGLAND: F Bar-St.P(n.c.); F Nwy & F Den hold; A Edi-Hol; F Nth.C A Edi-Bel [sic].
 FRANCE: F Tun-Ion; F Mar-Lyo; F Wes-Tyr; A Bel-Hol; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Pic-Tus; A Tus-Rom.
 GERMANY: A Mun-Ber; A Ruh S FRENCH A Bel-Hol; F Ska-Swe; F Bal S F Ska-Swe.
 ITALY: A Ven-Rom; A Boh-Mun; F Aeg-Ion; F Smy S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Bul (s.c.)-Con.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Ser-Tri; A Rum & A Gal hold; A Bud S A Rum; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Boh.
 RUSSIA: A Sil-War; A Ukr S A Sil-War; A Sev S A Ukr; F Bla holds; F Swe-Bot.
 TURKEY: A Con S F Ank; F Ank S A Con.

"Fall 1904"

ENGLAND: F Nwy holds; F St.P(n.c.) S F Nwy; A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel; F Den-Kie.
 FRANCE: A Tus-Nap; F Lyo & F Tyr C A Tus-Nap; F Tun-Ion; A Pic-Tyr; A Bur S GERMAN A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Kie.
 GERMANY: F Bal-Den; F Swe S F Bal-Den; A Ber-Mun; A Ruh S A Ber-Mun.
 ITALY: F Smy S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Bul(s.c.)-Con; F Aeg-Ion; A Ven-Rom; A Mun S ENGLISH F Den-Kie.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Tri & A Rum hold; A Bud-Gal; A Boh S ITALIAN A Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Tyr S ITALIAN A Mun.
 RUSSIA: A Sev-Ukr; A Ukr-Mos; F Bla S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A War-Pru; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).
 TURKEY: A Con S ITALIAN F Aeg-Bul(s.c.); F Ank S A Con.

England retreats F Den-Ska; the Turkish A Con and the Italian A Mun are annihilated.

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6) Builds F Edi.
 FRANCE: Bro, Hol, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (8) Builds A Mar.
 GERMANY: Bef, Den, Kie, Mun, Swe. (5) Builds F Kie.
 ITALY: Rom, Smy, Ven. (3)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie. (8) Builds A
 RUSSIA: Mos, Sev, War. (3) Removes F Bla, A Ukr. [Vic.
 TURKEY: Ank. (1)

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND: F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Den; F Ska S F Nth-Den; A Bel holds; F Edi-Nth.
 FRANCE: A Hol holds; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Pic-Tus; A Mar-Pie; A Nap-Rom; F Tun-Ion; F Lyo-S A Pic-Tus; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion.
 GERMANY: F Kie-Ber; A Mun S F Kie-Ber; A Ruh-S A Mun; F Den S F Swe; F Swe S F Den.
 ITALY: F Smy-Eas; F Aeg-Ion; A Rom-Tus.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Gal & F Con hold; A Rum-Bul; A Vie-Tyr; A Tri-Ven; A Sil S RUSSIAN A Pru-Ber.
 RUSSIA: A Pru-Ber; A Mos-St.P; F Bot S ENGLISH F Nwy-Swe.
 TURKEY: F Ank-Bla.

Germany retreats F Den-Hel, F Swe-Bal.

"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND: F Swe S F Den; F Nwy S F Swe; F Ska S F Den; F Den S F Swe; F Nth S F Den; A Bel holds.

FRANCE: F Ion S A Nap; F Tyr S F Ion; F Iyo-Wes; A Pie-Ven; A Tus-Rom;
A Nap S A Tun-Rom; A Bur-Bel; A Hol S A Bur-Bel.

GERMANY: F Bal S RUSSIAN F Bot-Swe; F Hel S F Kio; A Mun-Ber; A Ruh S A Mun [sic]; F Kio holds.

ITALY: A Rom holds; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Con-Ank; A Bul-Gre; A Gal-Rum; A Ven S ITALIAN A Rom;
A Tyr S A Ven; A Boh-Mun; A Vie-Boh; A Sil S A Boh-Mun.

RUSSIA: A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh-Mun; A St.P-Nwy; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY: F Bla-Sev.

Germany retreats A Mun-Bur, Italy retreats A Rom-Apu, and England retreats A Bel-Pic.

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (6)

FRANCE: Bel, Brc, Hol, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun. (10) Builds A Par, F Brc.

GERMANY: Kio. (1) Removes F Bal, F Hel, A Ruh, F Kio.

ITALY: Smy. (1) Removes F Eas, A Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mun, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vic.

(11) Builds A Vic, A Bud, F Tri.

RUSSIA: Ber, Mos, St.P, War. (4) Builds A Mos.

TURKEY: Sev. (1)

"Spring 1906"

ENGLAND: F Den-Bal; F Swe S F Den-Bal; F Nwy-St.P(n.o.); F Ska-Den;
A Pic-Bel; F Nth S A Pic-Bel.

FRANCE: A Par-Pic; F Brc S A Par-Pic; F Ion-Adr; F Wes-Tun; F Tyr-Ion;
A Hol-Kio; A Bel holds; A Pic-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; A Nap-Apu.

GERMANY: A Bur S FRENCH A Par-Pic.

ITALY: F Aeg-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Ank-Bla; A Rum, A Gre, & A Ven hold; A Tyr S A Ven;
A Mun-Kio; A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Vie-Tri; A Bud-Ser;

F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA: A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Kio; A St.P-Nwy; A Mos-Sev;
F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY: F Sev-Bla.

France retreats A Bel-Ruh.

"Fall 1906"

ENGLAND: F Swe S F Nwy; F Nwy S F Swe; F Den S FRENCH A Hol-Kio; F Bal-Ber;
F Nth-Hol; A Bel S A Ruh.

FRANCE: F Brc-Mid; A Pic, A Hol, & A Ruh S GERMAN A Bur-Bel; A Apu-Ven;
A Pic & A Rom S A Apu-Ven; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; F Ion-Adr.

GERMANY: A Bur-Bel.

ITALY: F Aeg-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Ank-Con; F Tri-Adr; A Gre & A Kio hold; A Rum S RUSSIAN
A Mos-Sev; A Scr-Alb; A Vie-Tri; A Boh S A Mun; A Mun S A Kio; A Ven-Pic;
A Tyr S A Ven-Pic.

RUSSIA: A Mos-Sev; A St.P-Fin; A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Kio; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY: F Sev holds.

France retreats A Pic-Tus; the Turkish F Sev and the English A Bel are annihilated.

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe. (6) Builds F Edi.

FRANCE: Brc, Hol, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10)

GERMANY: Bel. (1)

ITALY: Smy. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Kio, Mun, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie.
(11)

RUSSIA: Ber, Mos, St.P, Sev, War. (5) Builds F St.P(n.c.).

"Spring 1907"

ENGLAND: F Edi-Nrg; F Hol & F Don S FRENCH A Hol-Kio; F Bal-Bot; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Swo-Fin.

FRANCE: A Hol-Kio; A Pic-Par; A Tus-Pio; A Von S A Tus-Pio; A Rom S A Ven; A Ruh-Mun; F Mid-Spa(s.c.); F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; F Ion-Apu.

GERMANY: A Bel-Bur.

ITALY: F Aeg-Eas.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Con-Aeg; F Tri-Adr; A Alb & A Gre hold; A Pic-Mar; A Tyr-Pic; A Vie-Tri; A Kio-Ruh; A Mun S A Kio-Ruh; A Boh-Tyr; A Rum-Gal.

RUSSIA: A Sev-Rum; A Ber holds; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Fin S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Bot-Swe.

Franco retreats A Ruh-Bel.

"Fall 1907"

ENGLAND: F Nwy & F Don S F Swo; F Nrg & F Swo S F Nwy; F Hol-Hol; F Bal S FRENCH A Kio-Ber.

FRANCE: A Kio-Ber; A Bel S ENGLISH F Hol-Hol; A Par-Gas; A Pic-Tyr; A Ven S A Pic-Tyr; A Rom S A Ven; F Spa(s.c.) S GEPMAN A Bur-Mar; F Tun S F Ion; F Apu-Adr; F Ion S A Apu-Adr.

GERMANY: A Bur-Mar.

ITALY: F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Aeg-Ion; A Alb-Von; F Adr C A Alb-Von; A Gre holds; A Gal-Sil; A Boh S A Tyr; A Tyr S A Alb-Von; A Tri S A Alb-Von; A Mar-Bur; A Mun & A Ruh S A Mar-Bur.

RUSSIA: A Rum holds; A Ber S FRENCH A Kio; A Fin-St.P; F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; F Bot-St.P(s.c.).

Germany removes A Bur. and Russia removes A Ber.

"Winter 1907"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swo. (7) Builds A Edi.

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Mar; Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (11)
Builds A Par.

ITALY: Smy. (1)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Kio, Mun, Ser, Tri, Vie. (10)
Removes A Alb.

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5) Builds F St.P(n.c.)

"Spring 1908"

ENGLAND: F Hol S FRENCH A Bel; F Don-Kio; F Bal S FRENCH A Bor; F Swo-Don; A Edi holds; F Nwy-Bar; F Nrg S F Nwy-Bar.

FRANCE: A Ber S ENGLISH F Don-Kio; A Gas-Bur; A Bel & A Par S A Gas-Bur; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Tun S F Ion; F Ion S F Apu; A Ven S A Pic; F Apu, A Pic, & A Rom S A Ven.

ITALY: F Eas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Von; F Adr & A Tri S A Tyr-Von; F Aeg-Ion; A Gre holds; A Sil-Ber; A Mun S A Sil-Ber; A Boh-Sil; A Bur-Bel; A Ruh S A Bur-Bel.

RUSSIA: A Rum-Ukr; F Bot-Swo; F Bar-Nwy; F St.P(n.c.) S F Bar-Nwy; A Fin S F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy [sic].

Austria-Hungary retreats A Bur-Pic.

"Fall 1908"

ENGLAND: F Nrg-Bar; F Nwy-Swe; F Bal & F Den S F Nwy-Swe; F Hol S F Kie;
 F Kie S FRENCH: A Ber; A Edi holds.
 FRANCE: A Par holds; A Bel-Ruh; A Bur S A Bel-Ruh; A Pie & A Rom S A Ven;
 A Ven & F Ion hold; F Apu & F Tun S F Ion; F Mar-Lyo; A Ber-Mun.
 ITALY: F Pas S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Aeg-Ion.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Aeg-Ion; A Gre & A Tri hold; F Adr S F Aeg-Ion; A Ruh-
 Bur; A Mun S A Ruh-Bur; A Pie S A Ruh-Bur; A Tyr S A Tri; A Boh-Sil;
 A Sil-Pru.
 RUSSIA: A Ukr-War; F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; A Fin, F Swe, & F Bar S F St.P(n.c.)
 -Nwy.

"Winter 1908"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Swe. (7)
 FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (11)
 ITALY: Smy. (1)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Mun, Ser, Tri, Vie. (9)
 Removes A Pru.
 RUSSIA: Mos, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (6) Builds F St.P(s.c.).

At this point, a general consensus was for draw. John Beshara is of the opinion that the eastern alliance had the superior position.

DIPLOMACY BY CHOICE

The following game was played at Simulations Publications Inc., with John Boardman as Gamesmaster. Players picked their countries by preference. Players were:

ENGLAND: Abraham M. Ratner AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: John Curran, replaced after
 FRANCE: Hank Zucker "1904" by David Hecht
 GERMANY: Raymond E. Heuer RUSSIA: David Hecht, replaced after "1904"
 ITALY: Anthony Ward by Bob Lipton
 TURKEY: Ed Connery

"Spring 1901"

ENGLAND: A Liv-Edi; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth.
 FRANCE: F Bre-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Bur.
 GERMANY: F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun holds.
 ITALY: F Nap-Tyr; A Rom-Tus; A Ven-Pie.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Tri; F Tri-Alb.
 RUSSIA: F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A War-Gal; A Mos-War; F Sev-Rum.
 TURKEY: A Con-Bul; F Ank-Bla; A Smy-Con.

"Fall 1901"

ENGLAND: F Nth-Bel; A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy.
 FRANCE: A Spa-Mar; F Mid-Por; A Bur-Mar.
 GERMANY: F Den-Swe; A Kie-Hol; A Mun holds.
 ITALY: A Tus-Tun; F Tyr C A Tus-Tun; A Pie-Mar.
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre; A Tri-Ven.
 RUSSIA: F Rum-Bla; A Gal-Rum; A War-Gal; F Bot-Swe.
 TURKEY: A Con-Sev; F Bla C A Con-Sev; A Bul-Rum.

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Bel, Nwy. (5) Builds F Lon, F Edi.
 FRANCE: Bre, Mid, Par, Por, Spa. (5) Builds A Par, F Mar.
 GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5) Builds A Ber, F Kie.
 ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (6) Builds A Vie, A Bud,
 F Tri.

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RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sev, Smy. (5) Builds F Smy, A Con.

"Spring 1902"

ENGLAND: A Nwy S RUSSIAN F Bot-Swe; F Nrg-Bar; F Lon-Nth; F Bel S F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg.

FRANCE: F Mar-Lyo; A Spa-Mar; A Par-Pic; A Bur S A Par-Pic; F Por-Mid.

GERMANY: F Den-Swe; A Hol-Bol; A Mun-Sil; A Ber-Pru; F Kie-Bal.

ITALY: A Pie holds; A Tun-Rom; F Tyr C A Tun-Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: F Tri-Adr; A Vie-Gal; A Ven, A Bud, A Ser, & F Gre hold.

RUSSIA: F Rum-Bla; A Gal-Ukr; A War-Mos; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY: A Sev-Rum; A Bul & F Bla S A Sev-Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Smy holds.

The Russian F Rum is annihilated.

"Fall 1902"

ENGLAND: A Nwy-St.P; F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; F Nrg-Nwy; F Bel-Hol; F Nth S F Bel-Hol.

FRANCE: F Lyo-Wes; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Pie; A Pie-Bel; F Mid-NAf.

GERMANY: F Bal-Swe; F Den S F Bal-Swe; A Hol holds; A Sil-Mun; A Pru-War.

ITALY: A Pie S A Rom-Ven; A Rom-Ven; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Bud-Rum; A Gal S A Bud-Rum; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul; A Ven holds; F Adr S A Ven.

RUSSIA: F Swe-Den; A Ukr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY: A Rum-Sev; A Bul-Rum; A Con S A Bul[sic]; F Smy-Aog; F Bla S A Bul-Rum.

Germany retreats A Hol-Kie and Russia retreats F Swe-Bot. The Turkish A Bul is annihilated.

"Winter 1902"

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6) Builds F Edi.

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, M, Par, Por, Spa. (6) Builds A Par.

GERMANY: Ber, Don, Kie, Mun, Swe, War. (6) Builds A Mun.

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (8) Builds A Bud, F Tri.

RUSSIA: Mos. (1) Removes F Bot, A Ukr.

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Sev, Smy. (4)

"Spring 1903"

ENGLAND: A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Edi-Nrg; F Nth-Den; F Hol-Kie; F Bar-Nwy; F Nwy-Ska.

FRANCE: A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Bur; A Mar S A Par-Bur; F Lyo-Wes; F Naf-Tun; A Bel S A Bur-Ruh.

GERMANY: A Mun, A Kie, & A War hold; A Sil S A War; F Den-Ska; F Swe-Ska.

ITALY: F Tyr-Ion; A Rom-Ven; A Pie S A Rom-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gal-Ukr; F Adr-Ion; F Gre S F Adr-Ion; F Tri S A Ven; A Ven holds; A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; A Bud S A Rum; A Bul holds.

RUSSIA: A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Gal-Ukr.

TURKEY: A Sev-Rum; A Con-Bul; F Bla & F Aeg S A Con-Bul.

Austria-Hungary retreats A Bul-Ser.

"Fall 1903"

ENGLAND: A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos; F Hol S FRENCH A Ruh-Kie; F Nth-Den; F Nwy-Ska; F Bar-Nwy; F Nrg-Nth.

FRANCE: F Tun S ITALIAN F Tyr-Ion; F Wes-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Bur-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; A Ruh-Kie.

GERMANY: F Swe S F Den; F Den & A Mun S A Kie; A Kie S A Mun; A Sil S A Mun; A War holds.

ITALY: F Tyr-Ion; A Pie-Tus; A Rom holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Rum-Sev; A Bud-Rum; A Ven holds; F Tri S A Ven; A Ser-Bul; F Ion-Aeg; F Gre S F Ion-Aeg; A Ukr S A Rum-Sev.

RUSSIA: A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum-Sev.

TURKEY: A Bul holds; A Sev holds; F Bla & F Aeg S A Bul.

Germany retreats A Kie-Ber and Turkey retreats A Sev-Arm, -F Aeg-Con.

"Winter 1903"

ENGLAND: Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (6)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Kie, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (8) Builds F Mar, A Par.

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Mun, Swe, War. (5) Removes A War.

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2) Removes F Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie. (8)

RUSSIA: Mos. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

"Spring 1904"

ENGLAND: A St.P holds; F Nwy-Swe; F Ska S F Swe-Nwy [sic]; F Hol-Hel; F Nth-Den; F Nrg-Nwy.

FRANCE: F Tun-Ion; F Tyr S F Tun-Ion; A Pie-Tyr; A Bur-Mun; A Kie S A Ruh; A Ruh S A Kie; F Mar-Lyo; A Par-Pic.

GERMANY: F Den-Kie; F Swe-Den; A Ber S F Den-Kie; A Mun S F Den-Kie; A Sil-S A Mun.

ITALY: A Tus-Rom; A Rom-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Rum; A Sev S A Ukr-Rum; A Rum-Bul; A Ser & F Gre S A Rum-Bul; F Aeg S A Rum-Bul; A Ven holds; F Tri-Adr.

RUSSIA: A Mos S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Sev.

TURKEY: A Bul-Ser; A Ank-Smy [sic; no such unit exists]; F Bla-Rum; F Con-Aeg; A Arm not ordered, holds.

The Turkish A Bul is annihilated.

"Fall 1904"

ENGLAND: A St.P-Mos; F Nwy-Swe; F Ska S F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Den; F Nrg-Nwy; F Hel S F Nth-Den.

FRANCE: A Tyr-Mun; A Ruh & A Bur S A Tyr-Mun; A Kie S A Tyr-Mun; A Pic-Bel; F Lyo-Tus; F Ion holds; F Tyr S F Ion.

GERMANY: A Ber-Kie; A Mun S A Ber-Kie; A Sil-S A Mun; F Den-Hel; F Swe-Ska.

ITALY: A Rom S A Nap; A Nap S A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven, F Adr, & A Bul hold; F Gre-Ion; F Aeg-Smy; A Ser S A Bul; A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S A Rum.

RUSSIA: A Mos-War.

TURKEY: F Con holds; F Bla S F Con; A Arm-Smy.

Germany retreats A Mun-Boh, F Swe-Bot, F Den-Bal.

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (9) Builds F Edi, F Liv, F Lon.

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Kie, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Tun. (9) Builds F Bre.

GERMANY: Ber. (1) Removes A Ber, A Boh, A Sil, & F Bal.

ITALY: Nap, Rom. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie. (9) Builds F Tri.

RUSSIA: War. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

"Spring 1905"

ENGLAND: A Mos S TURKISH A Arm-Sev; F Nwy-St.P; F Swe-Bot; F Ska-Swe; F Den-Bal; F Hel-Den; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth; F Liv-Edi sic!

FRANCE: A Bur-Mar; F Tus-Rom; F Tyr-Nap; F Ion S F Tyr-Nap; A Kie-Bor; A Ruh-Mun; F Bro-Mid; A Bel-Ruh; A Mun-Sil.

GERMANY: F Bot-St.P(s.c.)!

ITALY: A Nap S A Rom; A Rom S A Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven & A Ser hold; F Tri-Adr; F Adr-Alb; F Gre holds; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con; A Rum S A Sev; A Sev S RUSSIAN A War-Mos.

RUSSIA: A War-Mos.

TURKEY: F Bla-Con; F Con-Smy; A Arm-Sev.

Italy retreats A Nap-Apu.

"Fall 1905"

ENGLAND: A Mos S FRENCH A Sil-War; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); F Ska-Nth; F Bal-Prü; F Den-Bal; F Swe holds; F Nth-Bel; F Nrg-Bar; F Liv-Cly.

FRANCE: A Mar-Pie; F Tus-Rom; F Mid-Wes; A Ruh-Mun; A Mun-Tyr; A Sil-War; A Ber holds; F Nap S F Tus-Rom; F Ion S F Nap.

GERMANY: F Bot holds.

ITALY: A Apu-Nap; A Rom S A Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Sev; A Con-Ank; F Aeg-Con; A Ser-Rum; F Gre-Bul(s.c.); F Alb-Gre; F Adr-Alb; A Ven holds.

RUSSIA: A War-Mos.

TURKEY: F Bla-Con; A Arm-Ank; F Smy holds.

Russia retreats A War-Gal. Germany loses F Bot and Russia loses A Gal.

"Winter 1905"

ENGLAND: Bel, Den, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)
Builds A Edi.

FRANCE: Ber, Bro, Kie, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Spa, Tun, War. (11)
Builds A Mar, A Par.

ITALY: Rom. (1) Removes A Apu.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Ven, Vie. (10)
Builds A Vie.

TURKEY: Ank, Smy. (2) Removes F Bla.

"Spring 1906"

ENGLAND: A Edi-Swe; F Nth C A Edi-Swe[sic]; F Cly, F St.P(n.c.), F Bel, F Swe, & F Pru hold; F Bal-Den; F Bar-Nrg; A Mos-Sev.

FRANCE: F Ion-Gre; F Tus-Rom; F Nap S F Tus-Rom; F Wes-Tyr; A Mun-Boh; A Pic-Ven; A Tyr S A Pic-Ven; A Ber holds; A War-Gal; A Mar-Pie; A Par-Gas.

ITALY: A Rom holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ven holds; A Vie & F Gre hold; A Ser-Rum; A Rum-Ukr; A Sev-Arm; F Alb-Adr; F Bul(s.c.)-Con; A Con-Smy; F Aeg S A Con-Smy.

TURKEY: F Smy holds; A Arm S ENGLISH A Mos-Sev.

Italy retreats A Rom-Apu, Austria-Hungary retreats A Ven-Tri, and Turkey retreats F Smy-Eas. The Austro-Hungarian A Sev is annihilated.

"Fall 1906"

ENGLAND: A Sev-Mos; A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy; F Cly, F St.P(n.c.), F Bel, F Den, F Pru, F Swe, & F Nth hold.

FRANCE: F Ion-Aeg; F Tyr-Tun; F Nap S F Tyr[sic]; F Rom-Tyr; A Pic S A Ven; A Boh-Vie; A Tyr S A Boh-Vie; A Gas & A Ber hold; A Gal-War; A Ven S A Tyr.

ITALY: A Apu-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr holds; A Rum-Gal; F Con-Ank; A Smy S F Con-Ank;
F Aeg S A Smy; F Gre-Ion; A Vie-Boh; A Tri-Tyr; F Adr S ITALIAN A
Apu-Ven.

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev; F Eas S FRENCH F Ion-Aeg.

"Winter 1906"

ENGLAND: Bel, Don, Edi, Hol, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (10)

FRANCE: Ber, Bre, Kie, Mar, Mun, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven, War.
 (13)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Vie. (10)

TURKEY: Sev. (1)

After six game years the consensus of opinion gave victory to the Anglo-French alliance.

ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR II

The following five games of Origins were all played at Simulations Publications Inc. during Friday night gaming sessions. All games had simultaneous placement of PFs unless otherwise indicated.

I. Aggressive French Policy

This game was played on 18 August 1973, with Al Nofi as Gamesmaster.

"Spring 1935"		"Spring 1935"					"Fall 1935"				
USA (Philip De Vicci):		USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Bal 2.	Als		4		1	1	Als		3		1
FRANCE (John Fernandes):	Aus					5	Aus				C
Als 4.	Bal	2			5		Bal	2		5	
BRITAIN (Louis Ritter):	Bri						Bri				
Fra 3, Pol 5.	Cze						Cze				
RUSSIA (Rick Sommer-	Fra			3			Fra		3		
ville): Als 1, Bal 5.	Ger						Ger				
GERMANY (Creigh Rahen-	Ita						Ita				
kamp): Als 1, Aus 5,	Pol			5			Pol		U,5		
Rhi 6.	Rhi					6	Rhi				C
	Rum						Rum				
	Rus						Rus				
	USA						USA				
"Fall 1935"		"Spring 1936"					"Fall 1936"				
FRANCE: Attacks Russia in	USA	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als, 4:1. X, each side											
removes 1.											
BRITAIN: Pol U.	Als	3	4			1	Als	3	3		
GERMANY: Aus C, Rhi C.	Aus					C	Aus				C
USA 21, Germany 9, Bri-	Bal	2		2	7		Bal	2		7	
tain 3, France 0,	Bri						Bri				
Russia 0.	Cze	1		3	4	6	Cze		3	4	6
	Fra			5			Fra		U,5		
"Spring 1936"	Ger		7				Ger	C			
USA: Als 3, Cze 1.	Ita			3			Ita		3		
FRANCE: Als 1, Ger 7.	Pol			U,5		5	Pol		U,5		5
BRITAIN: Bal 2, Cze 3,	Rhi					C	Rhi				C
Fra 2, Ita 3.	Rum				2	5	Rum				3
RUSSIA: Bal 2, Cze 4,	Rus						Rus				
Rum 2.	USA						USA				
GERMANY: Cze 6, Pol 5,											
Rum 5.											
		"Fall 1936"									
FRANCE: Attacks Germany in	Als, 4:1. X, each side removes 1.										
RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in	Bal, 3:1. D, Britain removes 2.										
GERMANY: Attacks USA in	Cze, 5:1. D, USA removes 1.										

"Fall 1936" (continued)		"Spring 1937"		"Fall 1937"
GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Rum, 2:l. X, each side removes 2.	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	USA 6 Fra 9 Bri Rus 8 Ger 1 C 15 U,7 4 U,8 3 10 C 8 5	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	USA 5 Fra C Bri Rus 8 Ger 9 C 4 U,8 3 10 C 4 U,5
FRANCE: Ger C.				
BRITAIN: Fra U.				
USA 19, Britain 9, Germany 9, France 3, Russia 0.				
"Spring 1937"				
USA: Als 3, Bal 3.				
FRANCE: Als 6, Cze 5, USA 5.				
BRITAIN: Bri 1, Cze 5, Fra 2, Ita 1, Pol 3.				
RUSSIA: Bal 1, Cze 2, Pol 3, Rum 4.				
GERMANY: Bal 1, Cze 9, Pol 5, Rum 5.				
"Fall 1937"				
FRANCE: Attacks USA in Als, 1:l. D, USA removes 6.	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	USA 10 Fra C Bri 5 Rus 16 Ger 19 U,5 U,7 C 5 5 3 14 C 14 U,5 2 U,5	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	USA 10 Fra C Bri 2 Rus 19 Ger 11 C 14 U,5 2 U,5
RUSSIA: Attacks Germany in Bal, 5:l. D, Germany removes 1.				
GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Rum, 2:l. X, each side removes 4.				
GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Cze, 2:l. X, each side removes 9.				
FRANCE: Als C, Cze U, USA U.				
BRITAIN: Cze U.				
USA 17, Britain 11, France 10, Germany 9, Russia 0.				
"Spring 1938"				
USA: Bal 5, Pol 3.				
FRANCE: Bri 5, Fra 4, Ita 5, Pol 5, Rum 5.				
BRITAIN: Bri 1, Cze 3, Ita 1, Pol 2, Rum 2, Rus 3, USA 2.				
RUSSIA: Bal 8, Rum 4.				
GERMANY: Cze 10, Pol 4, Rum 10.				
"Fall 1938"				
RUSSIA: Attacks USA in Bal, 1:l. A, Russia removes 16.				
GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Cze, 1:l. No change.				
GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Rum, 5:l. D, Britain removes 2.				
GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Pol, 4:l. X, each side removes 3.				
FRANCE: Bri U, Ita U, Pol U, Rum U.				
BRITAIN: Ita U.				
France 19, USA 17, Britain 14, Germany 9, Russia 0.				

"Spring 1939"

USA: Bal 6, Pol 4.
 FRANCE: Bal 5, Bri 5,
 Cze 5, Fra 6, Ita 5,
 Pol 5, Rum 5.
 BRITAIN: Bri 1, Cze 4,
 Fra 3, Pol 3, Rus 2,
 USA 3.
 RUSSIA: Bri 5, Fra 5,
 Rum 4.
 GERMANY: Bri 7, Fra 7,
 Ita 7, Rus 7.

"Fall 1939"

GERMANY: Attacks Britain
 in Cze, 1:1. X, each
 side removes 15.

GERMANY: Attacks USA in Pol, 1:1. No change.
 GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Rum, 1:1. No change.
 BRITAIN: Rus U, USA U, loses Cze U.
 RUSSIA: Bri U, Fra U.
 GERMANY: Bri U, Fra U, Ita U, Rus U.
 Britain 20, France 19, USA 15, Germany 14,
 Russia 4.

"Spring 1940"

USA: Bal 2, USA 10.
 FRANCE: Bal 30, Fra 24.
 BRITAIN: Cze 7, Fra 5, Ita 2, Pol 2, Rus 2, USA 2.
 RUSSIA: Bri 5, Cze 6, Fra 5.
 GERMANY: Bal 4, Bri 7, Fra 7, Ita 7, Rus 7.

"Fall 1940"

USA: Attacks Britain in USA, 1:1. A, USA removes 10.
 FRANCE: Attacks USA in Bal, 1:1. A, Franco removes 35.
 FRANCE: Attacks Britain in Fra, 2:1. X, each side removes 15.
 GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Rus, 2:1. X, each side removes 7.
 BRITAIN: Cze U, loses Fra U, Rus U.
 RUSSIA: Cze U.

FINAL SCORE: France 19, USA 15, Germany 14, Britain 13, Russia 7.

This game was chiefly notable in that, at last, France placed a "C" in Germany and won a game of this version. Weak play on the part of Germany, and particularly on the part of Russia, made this possible, and weak play is not a luxury in which you can indulge yourself against John Fernandes. The US finish was unusually strong for any scenario in which its objectives are "Historical".

II. Aggressive British-U. S. Policy

This game was played on 7 September 1973, with John Boardman as Gamesmaster.

"Spring 1935"

USA (Al Nofi): Bal 2. RUSSIA (John Arensmeyer): Bal 6.
 FRANCE (Gary Christiansen): Als 3, Bri 1. GERMANY (John Pachak): Ger 5,
 BRITAIN (Ray Heuer): Aus 4, Ger 5. Rhi 7.

"Fall 1935"

RUSSIA: Attacks USA in Bal, 3:1. (6), no change.

"Fall 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal	16	5			
Bri		U,10	3	U,5	U,7
Cze		U,10			4
Fra		10	U,10	U,5	U,7
Ger		C			
Ita		U,10	U,5		U,7
Pol	7	U,10	U,13		11
Rhi					C
Rum		U,10		8	14
Rus			U,5		U,7
USA		U,5	U,5		

"Spring 1940"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal	18	35			4
Bri		U,10	1	U,10	U,14
Cze		U,10	7	6	4
Fra		34	U,15	U,10	U,14
Ger		C			
Ita		U,10	U,7		U,14
Pol	7	U,10	U,15		11
Rhi					C
Rum		U,10		8	14
Rus			U,7		U,14
USA	10	U,5	U,7		

"Fall 1940"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal	18				4
Bri		U,10	1	U,10	U,14
Cze		U,10	U,7	U,6	4
Fra		19		U,10	U,14
Ger		C			
Ita		U,10	U,7		U,14
Pol	7	U,10	U,15		11
Rhi					C
Rum		U,10		8	14
Rus					U,7
USA		U,5	U,7		

all 1935" (continued)

GERMANY: Rhi C.
Germany 5, USA 0, France
0, Britain 0, Russia 0.

"Spring 1936"

USA: Bal 3, USA 1.
FRANCE: Als 2, Bri 4.
BRITAIN: Ger 7, Rus 5.
RUSSIA: Bal 6, Pol 2.
GERMANY: Ger 10, Pol 6.

"Fall 1936"

RUSSIA: Attacks USA in
Bal, 2:1. (4), X.

Each side removes 5.

FRANCE: Als C, Bri U.
BRITAIN: Rus U.
RUSSIA: Bal C.
France 10, Russia 5,
Germany 5, Britain 4,
USA 0.

"Spring 1937"

USA: Bri 5, Fra 4.
FRANCE: Cze 5, Ita 3.
BRITAIN: Aus 1, Pol 14.
RUSSIA: Pol 10.
GERMANY: Cze 5, Ger 15.

"Fall 1937"

BRITAIN: Attacks Germany
in Pol, 2:1. (4), X.

Each side removes 6.

GERMANY: Attacks Britain
in Ger, 2:1. (6), no
change.

USA: Bri U.
FRANCE: Cze U.
BRITAIN: Aus U, Pol U.
France 12, Britain 9,
USA 5, Russia 5, Ger-
many 5.

"Spring 1938"

USA: Cze 5, Fra 1,
Ger 5, Rus 5.
FRANCE: Cze 3, Ita 2,
Rum 5.

BRITAIN: Cze 10, Pol 8.
RUSSIA: Pol 2, Rum 5,
Rus 5.

GERMANY: Ger 19, Rum 5.

"Spring 1935"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
Bal 2
Bri
Cze
Fra
Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Spring 1936"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
Bal 5
Bri
Cze
Fra
Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Spring 1937"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
Bal
Bri
Cze
Fra
Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Fall 1935"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
Bal 2
Bri
Cze
Fra
Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Fall 1936"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
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Bri
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Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Fall 1937"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als
Aus
Bal
Bri
Cze
Fra
Ger
Ita
Pol
Rhi
Rum
Rus
USA

"Fall 1938"

BRITAIN: Attacks Germany in Cze, 2:1. (4), X.
Each side removes 5.

GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Ger, 4:1. (4), D.
Britain removes 12.

USA: Cze U, Fra U, Ger U, Rus U.

FRANCE: Ita U, Rum U.

BRITAIN: Cze U.

USA 17, France 16, Britain 10, Russia 5,
Germany 5.

"Spring 1939"

USA: Aus 5, Ger 5, Pol 10, USA 2.
 FRANCE: Czo 2, Fra 10.
 BRITAIN: Aus 5, Czo 7, Pol 8, Rus 1.
 RUSSIA: Pol 5, Rum 5, Rus 4.
 GERMANY: Aus 15, Bri 4, Rum 10.

"Fall 1939"

FRANCE: Attacks USA in Fra, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 5.
 RUSSIA: Attacks France in Rum, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 5.

GERMANY: Attacks USA in Ger, 4:1. (4), D. USA removes 10.

GERMANY: Attacks USA in Aus, 3:1. (2), D. USA removes 5.

USA: Pol U; loses Fra U, Ger U.

FRANCE: Loses Rum U.

RUSSIA: Rum C.

GERMANY: Rum C.

Franco 14, USA 12, Britain 10, Russia 8, Germany 7.

"Spring 1940"

USA: Aus 10, Bri 1, Ger 15.
 FRANCE: Ger 5, Pol 9, Rus 5.
 BRITAIN: Aus 5, Fra 5, Ger 5, Pol 4, USA 5.
 RUSSIA: Bri 15, Fra 5, Ger 5.
 GERMANY: Aus 15, Bri 2, Fra 5, Ita 5, Rus 5.

"Fall 1940"

FRANCE: Attacks USA in Czo, 2:1. (1), D. USA removes 5.

BRITAIN: Attacks Russia in Ger, 1:1. (6), A. Britain removes 5.
 RUSSIA: Attacks France in Bri, 3:1. (5), X. Each side removes 5.
 GERMANY: Attacks France and Russia in Ger, 4:1. (3), D. France and Russia each remove 5.
 GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Aus, 2:1. (3), X. Each side removes 15.
 USA: Aus U, Ger U; loses Czo U.
 FRANCE: Pol U, Rus U; loses Bri U.
 BRITAIN: Fra U, USA U; loses Aus U.

FINAL SCORE: USA 14, France 14, Britain 13, Russia 12, Germany 12.

"Spring 1938"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus			U,5		
Bal				C	
Bri	U,5	U,5			
Czo	5	U,8	10		5
Fra	5				
Ger	5		12		49
Ita		5			
Pol			U,16	14	
Rhi					C
Rum		5		5	5
Rus	5		U,5	5	
USA					

"Spring 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus	5		U,10		15
Bal				C	
Bri	U,5	U,5			4
Czo	U,5	U,10	U,12		
Fra	U,5	10			
Ger	U,10				48
Ita		U,5			
Pol	10		U,24	19	
Rhi					C
Rum		U,5		10	15
Rus	U,5		U,6	9	
USA	2				

"Spring 1940"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus	10		U,15		30
Bal				C	
Bri	U,6	U,5		15	6
Czo	U,5	U,10	U,12		
Fra			5	5	5
Ger	15	5	5	5	48
Ita		U,5			5
Pol	U,10	9	U,28	19	
Rhi					C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,5	5	U,6		5
USA			5		

"Fall 1938"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus			U,5		
Bal				C	
Bri	U,5	U,5			
Czo	U,5	U,8	U,5		
Fra	U,5				
Ger	U,5				49
Fra		U,5			
Pol			U,16	14	
Rhi					C
Rum		U,5		5	5
Rus	U,5		U,5	5	
USA					

"Fall 1939"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus			U,10		15
Bal				C	
Bri	U,5	U,5			4
Czo	U,5	U,10	U,12		
Fra		5			
Ger					48
Ita		U,5			
Pol	U,10		U,24	19	
Rhi					C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,5		U,6	9	
USA	2				

"Fall 1940"

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus	U,10				15
Bal				C	
Bri	U,6			U,10	U,6
Czo		U,10	U,12		
Fra			U,5	U,5	U,5
Ger	U,15	5			48
Ita		U,5			U,5
Pol	U,10	U,9	U,28	19	
Rhi					C
Rum				C	C
Rus	U,5	U,5	U,6		U,5
USA			U,5		

The Franco-American tie here is the just reward of the best policies for those countries - being unobtrusive and piling up "U's" while Britain and Germany slug it out, and reduce each others' points. The commitments of Britain and Germany to fruitless attempts to control Germany and Austria respectively made this possible. Russia, as a part-time ally of Germany, very nearly got away with the same strategy, but the big German contingent at home disposed of Russia's attempt to sneak in a 6-point "U" on the last turn.

III. Anti-Bolshevik Crusade

This game was played on 21 September 1973. For a change, Britain rather than Germany won this version - thanks to a German attack in "Fall 1939" which failed to seize control of the Baltic States at 3:1 odds.

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"Spring 1938"

USA: Bal 6, Pol 2.
FRANCE: Bal 5, Pol 4,
Ita 1.
BRITAIN: Bri 7, Ger 4,
Rus 3.
RUSSIA: Bal 12.
GERMANY: Ger 24.

"Fall 1938"

RUSSIA: Attacks USA in
Bal, 2:1. (5), no
change.
GERMANY: Attacks Britain
in Ger, 2:1. (3), X.
Each side removes 15.

USA: Bal U.
BRITAIN: Loses Ger U.
Germany 8, USA 5, France
4, Britain 1, Russia 0.

"Spring 1939"

USA: Bal 9, Pol 1.
FRANCE: Fra 8, Ita 4.
BRITAIN: Ger 21.
RUSSIA: Bal 9, USA 5.
GERMANY: Bal 52.

"Fall 1939" ..

RUSSIA: Attacks France in
Bal, 2:1. (3), X.
Each side removes 11.

GERMANY: Attacks USA &
Britain in Bal, 3:1.
(6), no change.

FRANCE: Ita U; loses
Bal U.

BRITAIN: Ger U.

RUSSIA: USA U.

Germany 8, Britain 6,
USA 5, France 5,
Russia 4.

"Spring 1940".

USA: Bri 5, Fra 5, Pol 2.
FRANCE: Bri 5, Ger 7,
Rus 5, USA 5.
BRITAIN: Bal 1, Fra 6,
Ita 5, Pol 1, USA 7.
RUSSIA: Bri 8, Fra 8.
GERMANY: Bri 5, Fra 5,
Ita 5, USA 17.

"Spring 1937"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als					
Aus					C
Bal	5	U, 6	4	3	6
Bri			1		
Cze					5
Fra					
Ger			U, 11		15
Ita					
Pol	5	8	4		6
Rhi					C
Rum					C
Rus			U, 10	18	
USA					

"Spring 1938"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als					
Aus					C
Bal	6	U,11	4	15	6
Bri			8		
Cze					C
Fra					
Ger			U,15		39
Ita		1			
Pol	U,7	U,12	4		6
Rhi					C
Rum					C
Rus			U,13		
USA					

"Spring 1939"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als					
Aus					C
Bal	U,15	U,11	4	24	58
Bri			3		
Cze					C
Fra		8			
Gor			21		
Ita		5			
Pol	U,8	U,12	4		6
Rhi					C
Rum					C
Rus			U,13		
USA				5	

"Fall 1940"

USA: Attacks Britain in Pol, 2:1. (2), X.

Each side removes 5.

BRITAIN: Attacks France in Rus, 2:1. (2), X.

Each side removes 5.

GERMANY: Attacks USA in Bal, 3:1. (1), D.

USA: removes 15.

GERMANY: Attacks France in USA, 3:1. (5), X.

Each side removes 5.

"Fall 1937"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als				C
Aus				
Bal	U,6	4	3	6
Bri		1		
Cze				C
Fra				
Ger		U,11		15
Ita				
Pol	U,5	U,8	4	6
Rhi				C
Rum				C
Rus		U,10		
USA				

"Fall 1938"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als					
Aus					C
Bal	U,6	U,11	4	15	6
Bri			8		
Cze					C
Fra					
Ger					24
Ita		1			
Pol	U,7	U,12	4		6
Rhi					C
Rum					C
Rus			U,13		
USA					

"Fall 1939"

USA Fra Bri Rus Ger

Als					
Aus					C
Bal	U,15		4	13	58
Bri			3		
Cze					C
Fra		8			
Ger			U,21		
Ita		U,5			
Pol	U,8	U,12	4		6
Rhi					C
Rum					C
Rus			U,13	U,23	
USA				U,5	

"Fall 1940" (continued)

USA: Bri U, Fra U;
 loses Pol U.
 FRANCE: Bri U, Gor U.
 BRITAIN: Fra U, Ita U,
 USA U; loses Pol U.
 RUSSIA: Bri U, Fra U.
 GERMANY: Bri U, Fra U,
 Ita U, USA U.
 FINAL SCORE: Britain 22,
 Germany 17, Franco 16,
 USA 13, Russia 6.

Als
 Aus
 Bal
 Bri
 Czo
 Fra
 Gor
 Ita
 Pol
 Rhi
 Rum
 Rus
 USA

"Spring 1940"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
U,15		5	13	58
5	5	1	8	5
		6	8	5
	7	U,21		
	U,5	5		5
U,10	U,12	5		6
				C
				C
	5	U,13		
5	7	U,5	17	

"Fall 1940"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
				C
		U,5	13	58
U,5	U,5	1	U,8	U,5
				C
U,5		U,6	U,8	U,5
	U,7	U,21		
	U,5	U,5		U,5
U,5	U,12			
				C
				C
		U,13		
	U,7	U,5	U,12	

IV. Historical

Like the precoding, this game was played on 21 September 1973.
 Some of the players made comments which are appended to their moves!

"Spring 1935"

USA (Matthew Diller):
 Cze 2.
 FRANCE (Gary Christian-
 sen): Cze 2, Pol 2.
 BRITAIN (Evan Jones, of
 course): Cze 4, Pol 4.
 RUSSIA (G. Cestikyan):
 Bal 5, Rum 1.
 GERMANY (Scott Roson-
 berg): Aus 4, Rhi 8.

"Fall 1935"

RUSSIA: Bal C.
 GERMANY: Rhi C.
 USA 19, Russia 5, Ger-
 many 5, Franco 0,
 Britain 0.

Jones: "Things are shap-
 ing up fino."

"Spring 1936"

USA: Pol 4.
 FRANCE: Als 5, Bri 1.
 BRITAIN: Cze 2, Ger ,
 Pol 3.
 RUSSIA: Cze 1, Rum 5,
 Rus 2.
 GERMANY: Aus 6, Cze 10.

"Fall 1936"

FRANCE: Als C.
 BRITAIN: Cze , Ger U,
 Pol U.
 RUSSIA: Rum C.
 GERMANY: Aus C.
 USA 15, Germany 9, Britain 8,
 Russia 8, Franco 6.

"Spring 1935"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
				4
			5	
2	2	4		
	2	4		
				8
			1	

"Spring 1936"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
	5			
				10
			C	
	1			
2	2	6	1	10
			5	
4	2	7		
				C
			6	
			2	

"Fall 1935"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
				4
			C	
2	2	4		
	2	4		
				C
			1	

"Fall 1936"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Gor
	C			
				C
			C	
	1			
2	2	U,6	1	10
		U,5		
4	2	U,7		
				C
			C	
			2	

Jones: "Right on schedule. With a little bit
 of luck, I might roll a perfecto."

"Spring 1937"

USA: Cze 3, Pol 3
 FRANCE: Cze 3, Ger 5.
 BRITAIN: Ger 6, Rus 6.
 RUSSIA: Bri 5, Gor 5.
 GERMANY: Bri 5, Fra 5,
 Ita 5, Rus 5.

"Fall 1937"

FRANCE: Attacks Russia in
 Cze, 5:1. (1), D.
 Russia removes 1.
 GERMANY: Attacks France
 in Cze, 2:1. (2), X.
 Each side removes 5.

FRANCE: Ger U.
 BRITAIN: Rus U.
 RUSSIA: Bri U, Ger U.
 GERMANY: Bri U, Fra U,
 Ita U, Rus U.
 Russia 16, Germany 14,
 Britain 11, USA 9,
 France 8.
 Jones: "Germany & Rus-
 sia are a pack of
 fools."

"Spring 1938"

USA: Cze 5, Pol 3.
 FRANCE: Bri 5, Cze 5.
 BRITAIN: Bri 10, Ger 2,
 Rus 2.

RUSSIA: Fra 5, Ger 9.
 GERMANY: Ger 24.
 Jones: "Pick up loose
 ends."

"Fall 1938"

GERMANY: Attacks France
 in Ger, 4:1. (3), D.
 France removes 5.
 FRANCE: Bri U, Cze U;
 loses Ger U.
 RUSSIA: Fra U.
 Russia 18, France 14,
 Germany 14, Britain 11,
 USA 9.

Jones (before attacks):
 "Birds are singing & all
 English hearts will be
 happy if Mr. Hitler
 doesn't attack me."
 Jones (after attacks):
 "Good. He did n't."

"Spring 1937"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	1		5	5
Cze	5	5	U,6	1 10
Fra				5
Ger	5	U,11	5	
Ita				5
Pol	7	2	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus		6	2	5
USA				

"Spring 1938"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	6	10	U,5	U,5
Cze	10	5	U,6	5
Fra			5	U,5
Ger	U,5	U,13	U,14	24
Ita				U,5
Pol	10	2	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus		U,8		U,5
USA				

"Spring 1939"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	U,6	2	U,5	U,10
Cze	16	U,5	U,6	5 25
Fra			5	U,5
Ger	5	U,27	U,23	22
Ita				U,5
Pol	14	4	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus	5	U,8		U,10
USA		5		

"Spring 1939"

USA: Cze 6, Pol 4.
 FRANCE: Ger 5, Pol 2,
 Rus 5.
 BRITAIN: Fra 5, Ger
 14, USA 5.

"Fall 1939"

GERMANY: Attacks France in Ger, 4:1. (4), D. France removes 5.
 GERMANY: Attacks France in Cze, 5:1. (3), D. France removes 5.

"Fall 1937"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	1		U,5	U,5
Cze	5		U,6	5
Fra				U,5
Ger	U,5	U,11	U,5	
Ita				U,5
Pol	7	2	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus		U,6	2	U,5
USA				

"Fall 1938"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	U,6	10	U,5	U,5
Cze	10	U,5	U,6	5
Fra			U,5	U,5
Ger		U,13	U,14	24
Ita				U,5
Pol	10	2	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus		U,8		U,5
USA				

"Fall 1939"

USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als	C			
Aus				C
Bal			C	
Bri	U,6	2	U,5	U,10
Cze	16		U,6	U,5 25
Fra			U,5	U,5
Ger		U,27	U,23	22
Ita				U,5
Pol	14	4	U,7	
Rhi				C
Rum			C	
Rus	U,5	U,8		U,10
USA		U,5		

RUSSIA: Cze 5, Ger 9.
 GERMANY: Bri 5, Cze
 20, Rus 5.

"Fall 1939" (continued)	"Spring 1940"	"Fall 1940"
FRANCE: Rus U; loses Cze U.	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C
BRITAIN: Fra U, USA U.	Als C	Als C
RUSSIA: Cze U.	Bal C	Bal C
Britain 22, Russia 21, Germany 14, France 12, USA 9.	Bri U,6 1 U,5 U,10 Cze 24 U,6 U,10 25 Fra 14 U,7 U,5 U,9 Ger U,28 U,29 Ita 5 U,5 Pol 17 4 U,15	Bri U,6 1 U,5 U,10 Cze 24 U,6 U,10 25 Fra 14 U,7 U,5 U,59 Ger U,28 U,29 Ita U,5 U,5 Pol 17 4 U,15
Jones: "War has not broken out!"	Rhi C Rum C Rus U,5 U,9 U,10 USA 1 U,7 5	Rhi C Rum C Rus U,5 U,9 U,10 USA 1 U,7 5
"Spring 1940"	RUSSIA: Cze 5, Ger 6, USA 5.	GERMANY: Fra 54.
USA: Cze 8, Pol 3, USA 1.		
FRANCE: Fra 14.		
BRITAIN: Bri 1, Fra 2, Ger 1, Ita 5, Pol 8, Rus 1, USA 2.		
Jones: "I home for everyone to attack!"		
Jones (before attacks): "PRAY FOR SURVIVAL!"		

"Fall 1940"

(There were, interestingly enough, no attacks. This was mainly due to the fact that the German player overlooked the British "U" in his country when he prepared to attack Britain in France.)

BRITAIN: Ita U.

FINAL SCORE: Britain 25, Russia 21, Germany 14, France 12, USA 9.

Jones (after attacks): "I feel I won because I don't believe in God."

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V. Aggressive French Policy

Neither the date of this game, nor the name of the German player, was preserved on the extant records. After "1937", John Arensmeyer dropped out as Britain and was replaced by Steve somebody. The Gamesmaster was John Boardman.

"Spring 1935"	"Spring 1935"	"Fall 1935"
USA (Gil Neiger): Pol 2.	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger 4	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger 4
FRANCE (John Pachak): Als 4.	Als 5 5	Als C
BRITAIN (John Arensmeyer): Pol 5, USA 3.	Bal 5	Bal C
RUSSIA (Ray Heuer): Bal 5, Rus 1.	Bri	Bri
GERMANY: Aus 5, Ger 2, Rhi 5.	Cze	Cze
	Fra	Fra
	Ger 2	Ger 2
	Ita	Ita
	Pol 2 5	Pol 2 U,5
	Rhi 5	Rhi C
	Rum	Rum
	Rus 1	Rus 1
	USA 3	USA 3
"Fall 1935"		
BRITAIN: Pol U.		
RUSSIA: Bal C.		
GERMANY: Aus C, Rhi C.		
USA 17, Germany 9, Russia 5, Britain 3, France 0.		

"Spring 1936"

USA: Cze 3, Pol 1. BRITAIN: Fra 5, Ita 5. GERMANY: Cze 11,
FRANCE: Als 1, Ger 7. RUSSIA: Rum 5, Rus 3. Rum 5.

"Fall 1936"

FRANCE: Attacks Germany in Ger, 3:1. (6), no change.

"Fall 1936" (continued)		"Spring 1936"		"Fall 1936"
GERMANY: Attacks USA in Cze, 3:l. (4), X.	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger
Each side removes 3.	Aus	5	C	C
FRANCE: Als C.	Bal		C	C
BRITAIN: Fra U, Ita U.	Bri			C
RUSSIA: Rum C.	Cze	3	11	C
GERMANY: Cze C, Rum C.	Fra	5		U,5
Germany 14, Britain 12,	Ger	7	2	7
USA 11, Russia 8,	Ita	5		U,5
France 4.	Pol	3	U,5	3
	Rhi		C	C
"Spring 1937"	Rum		5	C
USA: Pol 6.	Rus		4	4
FRANCE: Ger 16.	USA	3		3
BRITAIN: Ger 5, Rus 5,				
USA 2.				
RUSSIA: Fra 5, Ger 5.				
GERMANY: Fra 5, Ger 15.	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger
"Fall 1937"	Aus	C	C	C
FRANCE: Attacks Germany & Russia in Ger, 1:l. (5), A. France removes 23.	Bal		C	C
BRITAIN: Ger U, Rus U,	Bri			C
USA U.	Cze		C	C
RUSSIA: Fra U, Ger U.	Fra	23	U,5 5 5 17	U,5 U,5 U,5 17
GERMANY: Fra U.	Ger		U,5	U,5
Britain 23, Russia 16,	Ita	9	U,5	U,5
Germany 15, USA 7,	Pol			U,5
France 4.	Rhi		C	C
	Rum		C	C
"Spring 1938"	Rus		5 4	U,5 4
USA: Pol 8.	USA		5	U,5
FRANCE: Fra 15, Pol 19.				
BRITAIN: Fra 2, Ger 12.				
RUSSIA: Fra 1, Pol 9,				
Rus 2.				
GERMANY: Fra 2, Ger 2,				
Pol 20.				
"Fall 1938"				
BRITAIN: Attacks Russia in Ger, 3:l. (1), D.	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger	Als	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger
Russia removes 5.	Aus	C	C	C
RUSSIA: Attacks Britain in Rus, 1:l. (6), A.	Bal		C	C
Russia removes 6.	Bri			C
FRANCE: Pol U.	Cze		C	C
RUSSIA: Loses Ger U.	Fra	15	U,7 U,6 U,7	15 U,7 U,6 U,7
Britain 23, Germany 15,	Ger		U,17 U,5 19	U,17 19
Russia 10, USA 7,	Ita		U,5	U,5
France 7.	Pol	17	9 U,5 9 20	17 U,9 U,5 9 20
	Rhi		C	C
	Rum		C	C
	Rus		U,5 6	U,5
	USA		U,5	U,5
"Spring 1939"				
USA: Pol 10.				
FRANCE: Fra 36.				
BRITAIN: Bri 1, Fra 3, Ita 2, Pol 10.				
"Fall 1939"				
FRANCE: Attacks Britain in Fra, 5:l. (4), D.				
RUSSIA: Attacks France in Pol, 2:l. (1), D.				
GERMANY: Attacks Britain in Ger, 2:l. (3), X.				
FRANCE: Loses Pol U.				

"Fall 1939" (continued)	"Spring 1939"	"Fall 1939"
Germany 15, Britain 14, Russia 10, USA 7, France 4.	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C
"Spring 1940"	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	Als Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA
USA: Pol 12. FRANCE: Bri 10, Ita 20, Pol 31, Rus 20, USA 20. BRITAIN: Pol 19. RUSSIA: Bri 6, Ger 10. GERMANY: Bri 15, Ger 5, Ita 6, Rus 6.	51 U,10 U,6 U,17 U,17 37 U,7 27 U,9 U,15 23 20 C C U,5 U,5	51 U,6 U,17 20 U,7 27 U,15 23 20 C C U,5 U,5
"Fall 1940"	"Spring 1940"	"Fall 1940"
USA: Attacks France in Pol, 1:1. (4), no change. FRANCE: Attacks Britain in USA, 4:1. (6), X. Each side removes 5. BRITAIN: Attacks France in Pol, 1:1. (1), D. France removes 31. GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Fra, 2:1. (4), X. Each side removes 6. GERMANY: Attacks France in Bri, 1:1. (3), no change. GERMANY: Attacks Russia in Ger, 2:1. (6), no change.	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA	USA Fra Bri Rus Ger C Aus Bal Bri Cze Fra Ger Ita Pol Rhi Rum Rus USA
FRANCE: Bri U, Ita U, Rus U, USA U; loses Pol U. BRITAIN: Loses USA U. RUSSIA: Bri U, Ger U; loses Fra U. GERMANY: Bri U, Ita U, Rus U.		FINAL SCORE: Germany 19, Russia 16, France 12, Britain 9, USA 5.

As in Game III, above, the crucial move was the failure of an attack at 3:1 odds. This time it was the "1936" French attempt to take control of Germany. Then Britain ran to a 23-point score in "1937", setting in motion a highly successful "Stop Britain" movement. Germany had victory secured before the "1940" attacks.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"Modern Americans think that justice means treating each group equally. But in fact it means giving each its due. Now the Catholic people is not like any other group, because it is governed by the Magisterium. And what is due the Magisterium is obedience to its authority. So, there can never be full justice for the Catholic people...until the premier place of Catholic Truth as a measure of right and wrong in public policy is acknowledged." - editorial, Triumph, April 1973, p. 45

"Jews have two souls, one of them divine, while Gentiles have a single Satanic soul...The difference between Jews and Gentiles is like the difference between two different species...Even the embryos are completely different." - Rabbi M. M. Shneurson, "the Lubavitcher Rav", Tikutei Sihot, Young Chabad Movement, Vol. II, p. 297, 1965

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Guess who I heard from lately? Rod Walker, that's who! The only person I know of who still thinks that Machiavelli was writing seriously rather than satirically is getting back into postal Diplomacy with the following announcement:

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Rod Walker wishes to announce that he plans (or at least hopes) to resume publication of Erehwon in the near future. In reference to this, the following should be noted:

1. There will be only one game in the 'zine. It will be comprised of those players who signed up for the last Erehwon (actually Serendib) game, which never started, if he can locate them. Any vacancies will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, at a game fee of \$6.

2. Trade agreements were solicited, but only on a limited basis. Rod will be in touch with the editors with whom he would like to trade.

3. Subscribers to any Pandemonium Press publication will have their subs honored in issues of Erehwon at the going rate of 7 for \$1. This rate will not change even if postal rates rise to 10¢ per ounce. Players in old games of Rod's which were abandoned were, of course, compensated by having the game(s) continued elsewhere, but will also receive a short sub to Erehwon.

4. If you have moved since August 1972, please contact Rod and give him your new address.

5. Under no circumstances will more than 100 copies of Erehwon be produced at any one time (except possibly early issues while back obligations are being made up). Subscriptions will be limited by that figure. If you desire to subscribe, inquire; do not send money in advance.

6. Rod's address is 3343 First Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92103. All former subscribers to Pandemonium Press pubs are urged to get in touch with him.

73.??b -- PRESS RELEASES

SICK (May 1, 1935): This is WSICK (Soporific International Communications' Krud) reporting from Kidneystone Pass, U. S. of A. In issue 289, after reading certain statements from a certain person, urr - excuse me, ahem, or rather, URRP mentioned something about "equal time". I have a long memory, and as much as I hate to rupture timelines, I feel that I have sufficient provocation to do so; it is not hard to mistake rats for Katz.

In this case, to fight fire with fire would be crude. But if this - this - \$\$\$& writes any more of the &%\$# he has insulted the honor of SICK with, I'll shove it up his &%\$& and break it off.

signed, The Management.

SICK: This is Skweedunk. On August 19, 1935, a day which shall live in infamy, the forces of The Management were unprovokedly and below the beltedly attacked by the forces of Katzoff (1001 revised ethnic jokes for all in the family to enjoy). Since he has ignored our ultimatum, we hereby declare our press to be in a state of war with that of Katz. SICK press' recources [sic] will be directed totally across the breach in our timelines.

SICK (Today, 1935): We won't have very much political clout in Europe for a few years because all effort will be transferred to organize an invasion of France in 1909 to Kill the Katz. A squad of our most elite troops have been tesscred to Vienna, 1907, and have captured 23 saber-toothed Neigers, 14 Rayrillas, 11 Dunchounds, 6 Bored men, and a couple of Red Blooded Lephants. They returned yesterday and have been properly brainwa conditioned to be loyal to the land of the free. Mobilization is now under way. Evans don't grow on trees. Katzoffs do.

SICK (Aug. 30, 1935, 1907, 193-19... Oh, forget it! The wrinkle in

timeline is going to kill me! An invasion of Katz Kingdom has been launched. Troops have tessered onto a little field outside Batum. To reach Katz Kingdom, our brave men must travel to Baku (the long way around). As of yet, no one has survived the trip as far as Astrakhan.

SICK (Sept. 2, A. D. ***): A division from the land of the free has accidentally been tessered back to Spain in 1491. They successfully appealed to Queen Isabella for three ships to find their homes. The Queen had never heard of the U. S. of A., and assumed that they lived in China because she had been told that its mission was, for some strange reason, to conquer the Great Wall of China. They immediately started and in one month sailed off the edge of the world (Just off the map). They are being held prisoner by some hitherto unknown patrimony.

SICK (Soon afterwards A. D. ***): THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA HAS BEEN CONQUERED. When our troops forced captured Rayrillas and Sabor-toothed Neigers to expose themselves in front of the Wall, a distinct screeching noise was heard. The Wall crumbled into dust in five minutes.

KIEV (Houer Underground Hairwaves): When informed of the opening of the new Little Mineh-Cuzguh railway system, the Premier was heard to remark, "Ain't that a shame"

KIEV (HUH): When informed of the closing of the new Little Mineh-Cuzguh railway system, the Premier was heard to remark, "Oh happy day!"

LAUTREC (Too Loose): Katzoff, one of these days, they are going to be taking you away. Not two men in the white coats - Murder, Inc. (We'll split the bill, right, John?)

RIVERSIDE DRIVE (HUH): Jerry, Alex, Gilby-baby, etc. - come back, all is forgiven. /s/ Evan

HUH HEADQUARTERS (HUH): the preceding was a public disservice announcement, and was edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott).

OUTER MONGOLIA (HUH): You guys keep Katzoff out of here, or it means war!)

HUH HEADQUARTERS (HUH): Hey, Katzoff! There's a bus leaving in five minutes. Be under it!

VALENCIA (UFPI): The French 3rd Army, of the French Invasionary forces, under the direction of Gil Bliss, have started tunneling underground for the purpose of blowing up Madrid. However, seeing as atomic bombs have not yet been invented, the Army intends to blow up Madrid with conventional explosives.

MONTPELIER RESTAURANT, BAR AND GRILL (4th Friday): If Mrs. IppI borrowed Miss Uri's new jersey, what will Della wear? I don't know, I'll ask her.

CONDOM, FRANCE (HAPPENSTANCE): Believe it or not, there is a town called Condom in France.

BROOKLYN (URRP): That's nothing. At the court of Queen Elizabeth II there is an official named Sir Robert Bellinger, whose title is "Gentleman Usher of the Purple Rod."

PARIS (AWK): "It sure is hot in Southern Italy". "Yes, it's Sieling." "I hear you're going to Rumania, Bulgaria, and Greece." "Well, I was, but now I'm Balkan' out." "Tri-este, you'll like it." "What did the invading ~~Fox~~ Huns say to Charlemagne?" "Can you spare us Paris?" "Recent Evidence" points to the Biblical Eve actually being related to a pig. After all, she came from a sparerib." "Well, goodbye." "See you later, masturbater."

SEVILLE (BARBER OF): Gen. Gil Bliss sent word to the French Embassy (Hah! What a name for a field headquarters) in Spain that the explosion of Madrid will happen sometime next issue.

(HAPPENSTANCE): Last night I had an orchestral dream. I told my psychiatrist about it. He asked me if I could find any cymbalism.

GEOGRAPHY LESSON (AWK - who else?): "Is she Hungary?" Jimmy asks Bill. "Alaska," Bill replied. "Yes, Siam," she said. "All right. I'll Fiji," Bill promised. "Oh, don't Russia self," Jimmy told Bill. "Yeah, but what if she Wales?" Bill asked. "Then give her a Canada Chile," Jimmy suggested. "I'd rather have Turkey ((so would Neiger in BB)) she said. So they had Turkey without any Greece on the best China. When the waiter brought the check, Jimmy said, "Look and see how much Egypt you." And the waiter threw them all out of the restaurant.

SICK SCOOP (SOMETIME SOON, A. D. ***): This is Kidneystone Pass. Our President has issued an ultimatum to the Balkan Massif demanding the return of the prisoners taken in 1491. "If they are not returned, I will move for a declaration of war," said O. P. This will be in a recent press conference. Oops! I almost forgot about Katzoff!...

THIS IS SICK, the radio station of the Daily Blues pausing for an Important but Brief Message (I.B.M.).

Do you ever get S.I.C.K. (sic) of having your optic nerves inflamed? Try this [see right]:

Now back to SICK (if that wasn't):

A pox on Katzoff's house.

May he be devoured by mountain devils.

May he be cursed by the great horned mountain goat.

May he be raped by Raymond Heuer (Oops! Better not. He'd enjoy it).

May lightning strike him down.

May he be stricken with the plague.

May he be drawn and quartered.

May his country be invaded and overthrown.

O Many
P Are
E Still
R Taking
A Up
T Rapid
I Beating
O And
N Titillation
Involving
Oneself
Nightly

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Why do RBL's lie on the ground with their feet in the air?

What did Tarzan say when he saw Terry Hardys coming down the path?

GRANADA, SPAIN (HAPPENSTANCE): The French Invasionary Armies in the South have taken Granada. We have an on-the-spot report from Rarin to Steponit in Granada. "I'm here on the steps of the former Province Capital in Granada. Bullets occasionally zip by my head. The FIA's are fighting under the direction of Gen. Gil Bliss in the South. It is mostly partisan action they face, and it seems to be dwindling. As the FIA heads for the Rock of Gibraltar, the supply lines from North Africa get squeezed more and more. The Portugese have turned Lisbon over to the French for supply purposes, and have, for all intents and purposes surrendered. This is Rarin To Steponit, HAPPENSTANCE, Southern Spain.

PARIS (UFPI): Alexander the 1st of France, the most prestigious King in French history, today announced that France would honor her military heroes by putting them on postage stamps. Gen. Gil Bliss will be featured on the 10 hotdog stamp. The writer of this press release will be featured on the 25 hotdog stamp.

SOMEWHERE ON THE TAJO RIVER, SPAIN (AWK): The French nation was shocked to hear of the scandalous activity that are armies in Spain have been involved in. It seems Gen. Gil Bliss was accused of setting an example of raping all girls between 15 and 30 years old, 35-26-36, blue-eyed, and taller than 3 feet. His fellow soldiers raped other women, producing thousands of unwanted babies. The main benefactors of these copulations are dog food companies. This coincides with the mysterious disappearance of thousands of unwanted babies.

PORTUGAL (AWK): The latest word from Portugal is that the French occupation of Portugal is complete. However, a Spanish Fleet sailed into Barcelona, and combined with heavy partisan action, Barcelona has almost been retaken by the Spanish. Heavy fighting has also been reported outside of Andorra. Andorra was granted neutrality.

PARIS PROPAGANDIST PRESS (AWK): Back (?) in WWII, on the American-occupied Pacific island of Truk, there was a lone Patrol Torpedo Boat patrolling the small coastline. On Truk, the Head Nurse had a long beard. The Quarter-Master weighed 900 pounds. There were 3 midgets, and when they stood on each other shoulders, they were just barely six feet tall. All the trees were three years old - you could tell by counting their rings. They had cannons with real live cannon-balls. Oh, yes, you may want to know the name of that Patrol Torpedo Boat. It was called P. T. Barnum.

UFPI (HAPPENSTANCE): You may recall, back in #289 of GRAUSTARK, many records were set concerning number of press releases per person per game, etc. As of #297, some new records have been set.

#297 had 116 press releases, not enough to break #289's record of 130. #297 had approximately one third the amount of pages, however.

The old record of 50 press releases from one person was barely broken by me (Katzoff). I had 51 press releases in #297. Most press from one game per issue is 84, set in #289. That still stands, but the record of 33 press releases from one person for one game for one issue, set by both Gil Neiger and I, was broken by me in #297. I had 47 press releases. Bibliography - #'s 290 and #297.

CALAIS (HAPPENSTANCE): Two men were standing on a platform waiting for a train. They heard a whistle. One said, "Here it comes!" The other said, "Yep, here she comes!" They were both wrong. Why? Because it was a mail train.

40 MILES NORTH OF MADRID (13/32/35): The French Invasionary Forces have been stopped approximately 40 miles north of Madrid. The Majorcas have been taken. 70,000 Spaniards have been captured in Majorca alone. The Spanish Regime and a good part of the remaining Spanish Army have fled to the Canary Islands. The Portuguese Government has informed the French King Alexander 1st that they would be willing to give up their country if they were allowed to stay there. The French government has yet to answer. Most action away from Madrid is being carried on by partisans and gorillas.

ENGLISH QUESTION (asked by Buck Private Gil Bliss): Q. Who wrote Anna Christie?

A. Her boyfriend!

PARIS (AWK): Gen. Gil Bliss, on hearing he had become a missionary to Simulations Publications Inc. replied, "Oh, I'm good at games. Chutes and ladders is my favorite, but Candy Land ain't bad." Needless to say, he has been transferred somewhere else.

PARIS (EXPOSE): The New York Zoo is keeping animals there against their will. This announcement comes from none-other-than Gil Bliss. It seems they captured his mother...

(AWK, 11 October 1973): This Jew-Boy holiday is one of the largest of the year. Or as my baby brother said "Sucah Big One."

CADIV(ER) (AWK): What What did the man say on encountering someone he hates and has not seen in a long time? "I'm trying to place your face before I slug your mug."

GENOA (SALAMI): 'Twas in a restaurant they met,
Romeo and Juliet.
Since he couldn't pay the debt
Romeo'd what Juli-et.

(An Insult Aimed At Fat Boy): He's got a bald head - on the inside.

(AIAAFB): Every person has the right to be ugly, but you abuse the privilege.

(AIAAFB): When they were handing out noses, you thought they said roses, because you picked a big red one.

(AIAAFB): You could be in the movies, if they were wide screen.

(AIAAFB): He's got stomach trouble. There's too much of it.

(AIAAFB): He's a population explosion all by himself!

(AIAAFB): He's so nearsighted he needs contact lenses just to see his glasses.

(AIAAFB): He just lost ten pounds! He brushed his teeth!

TOURS (SIGHTSEEING): Bobby Pfeiffer, singing idol of the masses, also known as the Drunk Flunkie, has announced his intention to announce his intention of quitting as Meathead in "All in the Immediate Family". He has received tons of fan-mail (why all those fans wrote to him I'll never know. Electric fans, hand fans, even an occasional air conditioner) asking him to stay on! After all, they don't want to lose that Pollock. Who else could they insult?

THE IMPERIAL MANSION (HOWDY DOODY TIME): The King of France today announced (seems to me I've heard that line before) that Andorran neutrality would be respected. Strangely enough, he also announced the mobilization of a small division on the Pyrenees border.

UNITED FRENCH PRESS INTERNATIONAL (12 noon, 6 October 1973): HAPPENSTANCE and AWK minor press companies have publicly applied for licenses to report the French invasion of Spain. The applying officials were immediately arrested on charges of inciting to riot! They were quickly released and granted licenses, while an official explained to them that the Spanish government had not been informed of the invasion for obvious reasons. The officials of the press corps agreed to keep the secret.

EAST PYRENEES BORDER STATION (AWK): "Adam Smasher, Supreme General in Charge of the French Invasion of Spain [and Portugal], at 11 AM this evening crossed the border separating our two sovereign states, with a force of approximately 2,000,000 men, in 40,000 tanks, 85,000 motorcycles with sidecars, 285,000 staff cars, 1,000,000 foot soldiers (traveling in 50,000 trucks), and assorted artillery and supply vehicles. A staff of 1,000,000 is handling behind-the-lines supply and re-inforcements. The French Air Force (FAF?) is giving air support, helicopters, and observation balloons and zeppelins. The French Navy has cut off sea supply to Spain, and is bombarding seaports. The invasion appears to be an enormous success." - Prime Minister, Alexandre Katzoff

MADRID (El primero de Enero): Gen. Gil Bliss was demoted to buck ~~deer~~ private today after a year and half of tunnel-digging under Madrid. You probably remember back in World War I, when the Allies dug tunnels under the German trenches and then set off the largest conventional explosive explosion in history! The explosion actually broke windows as far away as London. Well, after the former Gen. Gil Bliss loaded the tunnels with 97,000,000 pounds of Dynamite, he set off what was to be the biggest explosion using dynamite in history! The explosion was so powerful it actually broke windows as far away as Madrid. In consideration of this debacle, he has been sent to Outer Mongolia (may as well give them a good reason to start a war) as a missionary. His wife has been sent as a missionary reverse.

PARIS (UFPI): The French Government, in an attempt to give the French populace more for their tax dollar, recently announced plans to take over certain companies and sell the products at reduced products. The first company to be nationalized will be a lock company, The Sure-Lock Homes Co. They will stick to their plans and nationalize tape and cement companies.

PARIS (AWK): "And the Lord said unto the people, "I will give all Bible royalties to the Legal Aid Society and Symposium International de Etienne (LIASSIE). For I am for all o' dem poor folks all o' de time." And then an angel said unto the Lord, "But bossman, wha' if 'e dun wanna go to heaven." And the Lord said unto the Angel, "Shittttt." And the censor said unto to Lord, "That's a no-no."

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PRINCESS HURE'S UNITED CORPS OF SPECIALISTS

by Albert A. Nofi

As many of our readers are undoubtedly aware, Al Nofi, who has occasionally contributed to these pages, is presently residing in Skandalutz, where he serves as Royal Historian in the University of Anakhit. He is currently engaged in compiling a lineage book of the regiments of the Skandalous Army and has permitted up to present this chapter in advance of regular publication.

Princess Hure's United Corps of Specialists (PHUCS)

Heraldic Items.

Shield. Sable, the badge of the regiment gules.

Supportors. Dexter, the Royal Bedpost proper; Sinister, a 'Jane' in field service undress proper.

Crest. On a wreath of the colors, the badge of the regiment.

Motto. Semper Iascivioso!

Badge. The badge of the regiment shall constitute the intortwined genders in red and shall only be worn on an armband of black. [See Fig. 1]

Symbolism. The badge, and principal charge of the arms, represents the mission of PHUCS. The colors are those traditionally associated with persons and organizations performing a like function throughout history. The motto indicates the determination and dedication of the personnel of the regiment to carry out their duties under all circumstances.

Lineage.

The corps was constituted in Anakhit by the then reigning Princess Hure (1659-1744) on 21 June 1673 in order to 'provide entertainment and recreation to Skandalous and authorized allied troops when in the field in time of war'. Originally known as 'Hure's Whores', the regimental designation was changed to the present one by Royal Decree on 21 December 1744.

Honors.

The regiment is unusual in that it accepts neither decorations of honor nor of service, save only a single bedsheet from each engagement in which it has participated. These are solemnly stored in the regimental museum and trophy room at the end of each campaign.

Annexes.

The following organizations have been annexed to the regiment:

The Convent of St. Frustratia, organized 14 March 1327 by the Supreme Pompous St. Autodafe XVII of the Pravoslavnician Patrimony of Polykarp. Annexed 7 September 1740.

Mrs. Johnson's School for Girls, founded 31 April 1871 by Mrs. Nimfo-mania Johnson at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Annexed 21 December 1873. (Mr. Johnson reigned as king in 1873.)

Mme. Ruby's, founded 12 November 1903 by Mme. Ruby McClaine at Paris, France. Annexed, 19 January 1932.

Alliances.

The regiment has formed alliances with the following organizations:

The Corps de Ballet, Folies Borgore, Paris, France.

Marymount College, New York, U. S. A.

The Army of the Empire of the Temporary Rome (Exception: Legio LXIX, the 'Sacred Thebans', which is allied with the Titanian Guard.)

The Corps de Rue, Eighth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.
Estelle's, Cholon, Republic of Viet-Nam
St. Margaret's High School, Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.
Relaxation Plus Massage Parlors, New York, U. S. A.
The College of Cardinals, The Vatican
The Royal Harem, Saudi Arabia

Colonel-in-Chief

The Princess Hure, in direct line from the foundress. However, from time to time honorary Colonels-in-Chief have been appointed, usually for 'distinguished contributions in the furtherance of the regimental mission'. These honorary Colonels-in-Chief have been:

Ms. Nell Gwynn of England, 1675-1687
 Countess Maria Aurora Konigsmark of Sweden and Saxony, 1690-1728
 Marquise Antoinette de Pompadour of France, 1747-1764
 Tsarina Catherine II of Russia, 1772-1796
 Empress Josephine of France, 1805-1814
 Queen Isabella II of Spain, 1846-1904
 Ms. Isadora Duncan of Europe, 1908-1927
 Ms. Claretta Petacci of Italy, 1937-1945
 Ms. Linda Lovelace of the U. S. A., 1972-

Uniforms

Figure 1

The regiment has three uniforms:

Service Dress. Red leather kilt with matching Cretan bodice; black fish-net stockings, black leather spike heeled boots, blonde wig, and the badge of the regiment.

Field Service Dress. Black leather jumpsuit, red patent leather combat boots, and the badge of the regiment.

Field Service Undress and Combat Uniform. The badge of the regiment.

Customs.

The regiment has established, and faithfully preserves, a number of special customs.

The officers are always addressed as 'Madame'.

The enlisted personnel are always addressed as 'Jane'.

Troops being serviced by the regiment are addressed as 'John'.

No 'Madame' or 'Jane' ever removes her regimental badge whilst in action.

On enlistment, each recruit dedicates a lock of her pubic hair to the Goddess.

Following each campaign the regiment holds a formal parade at which the trophies of the campaign are dedicated to the Goddess and stored with the regimental linens.

The regiment has received the privilege of entertaining foreign military personnel on official visits to Anakhit.

In addition, the regiment observes all regular Skandalous military, civil and religious customs.

Music.

There is no regimental march or song. However, Ravel's 'Bolero' has been adopted as the regimental work tune and is played on all appropriate occasions.

Special Notes.

The regimental museum in Anakhit (68-70 Cama Lane) contains a rich collection of memorabilia. Among these is a complete collection of the

regimental uniform from 1673, the largest collection of pubic hair in the world, and the regimental linens collection, which runs to tens of thousands of items, each carefully treasured and labeled to show the engagement of origin. The regimental library contains such treasures as a first edition of the Kama Sutra, a complete file of 'French' postcards, and some interesting dossiers on the great and not-so-great who have been serviced by the regiment over the last 300 years.

The regiment maintains an extensive research and development section, dedicated to finding new ways in which to fulfill its mission. Personnel of the regiment have traveled the world seeking improvement in technique and style. Indeed, it is not unusual to meet PHUCS personnel in London, Paris, New York, Las Vegas, Mexico City, Tijuana, and other exotic places actively pursuing knowledge. Recently several officers of the regiment went to Hollywood, U. S. A., to serve as technical advisors in the production of several motion pictures.

(In view of the unique combat mission of the regiment, NATO has established a new military mapping sign to represent detachments of PHUCS in the field. [See Fig. 2] This sign is unusual in that, rather than indicating the size of the detachment itself, it indicates the size of the formation which the detachment is capable of servicing.)

Bibliography.

There exists no regimental history. However, the Royal Historian has undertaken the onerous task of compiling one to honor the 300th anniversary of the regiment. He has commenced his task with a series of interviews which will eventually put him in intimate contact with all present and retired personnel of the regiment. It is considered a herculean undertaking.

1973BC - PRESS RELEASES

BROOKLYN (31 Dec. 1904, URRP): The United Rabble Rousing Press regretfully reports to its subscribers that three despatches published in GRAUSTARK #297 were garbled into near-unreadability by certain unfortunate happenings which have not yet been completely explained. If we exclude the possibility of error by URRP's near-perfect proofreaders, then we are left with the patently ridiculous explanation that a sorcerer in the Temporary Roman Empire can cast spells that affect modern typesetting and printing equipment. The three garbled despatches are printed below, followed by more recent news reports.

IZMIR (Feb. 3, 1904, CRABS): Bishop Polykarp of Izmir today blessed the Polykarpian Missionary Team being sent to Apulia. The blessing had the blessing of the International Clearinghouse for Syncretistic Religions.

A spokesman for the Clearinghouse implied that the only purpose of the team was to introduce a "50% recognizance level" into Italian Catholicism. This, coupled with "pre-emptive retaliation" strikes at major population centers would help to set the ground for a synthesis of 1 part Catholicism and 1 part Mithraism. "We think that the combination of a warrior religion with the uniforms of the Swiss Guards can only have a beneficial effect."

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): Rodnius Pedestrius, High Priest of Mars, today denied that the International Clearinghouse for Syncretistic Religion, located in Izmir, was connected with the Temporary Roman state religion, Syncretic Polytheism.

"The Empire of the Temporary Rome, which will soon resume its rightful heritage of rule over all the territories of the Roman Empire, does indeed extend recognition and toleration to all gods and their worshippers," he told a press conference in the Bellona Room of his temple. "Al-

though the Olympian gods are worshipped by most of the Emperors, there are temples here to the Mother Goddess of Skandalutz, Cybelé, Somo Sancus, Atys, Kernunnos, and an obscure Druid deity named Dundik. But we cannot allow to the Christians a toleration which they themselves deny to our beloved national principle of freedom of religion. To protect freedom of religion here in Temporary Rome, we must ruthlessly stamp out all manifestations of Christianity which may appear here."

The High Priest went on to demand the suppression by the Ottoman Empire of the International Clearinghouse for Syncretistic Religion, which is located in Vay, a suburb of the Turkish port of Izmir. "Furthermore, this activity in Vay, Izmir, is an affront to the dignity of the Roman Empire," he continued. "Izmir is really the Roman city of Smyrna, now under illegal but temporary occupation by Turkish barbarians."

The rest of the press conference was afterwards deleted by imperial Censors, since the High Priest seemed to be under the impression that the "Swiss Guard" referred to in the Izmir despatch was the Titanian Guard, which exists in Skandalutz in order to keep the king from escaping. He is reported to have referred to it as the "Swish Guard".

In a related development, Peorius Mendacius, High Priest of Mercury, is reported to have cast a spell on the Izmir press release, designed to render it illegible. The United Rabble Rousing Press has refused to comment on whether this "spell" was successful.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (URRP): Prime Ministress Bartholin today commented on the attempt being made by Polykarp of Izmir to unite Mithraism and Catholicism. "The Mother Goddess graciously permits these little male godlets to have their way for a while," she said, "and then sweeps them up like a good housewife puts away her children's playthings. We wish that the High Priest of Mars would not refer to the loyal men, or whatever, of the Titanian Guard in this demeaning manner, but we realize that priests of Mars are seldom noted for exact or politic language. The tendencies of some of our kings have been such that the character of the Titanian Guard has been an excellent guarantee against their trying to escape. A large number of such kings, our histories record, have come from the Temporary Roman Empire."

The Prime Ministress recommended that the Pope accept the Mithraist offer. "It may help prevent a repetition of that unfortunate incident that took place on the Pope's last visit to America. While saying mass in Yankee Stadium, he accidentally faced the wrong way during the consecration, and turned 50,000 gallons of Mogen David in a warehouse in New Jersey into Type A, Rh Positive."

EASTON, PA. (IDUNNO): At the annual American Synthesist Society meeting, the firm of Kinney, Lipschitz & Boringman moved that the Synthesist liscence of the Brooklyn firm of the Bureau of Usually Reliable Sources, International Travelers & Intelligence Spokesmen be revoked. Mr. Boringman, speaking for his firm, cited as reasons gross inaccuracy, unbecoming secretiveness, reneging on the Thaumaturgical Safety Provision of the Society, and mudslinging at other firms. In support of these charges, he issued the following statement:

"From a small history magazine, there comes this article, authorized by BURSITIS, in answer to one of my firm. BURSITIS' article is of a nature to excite alarm in re: the Necronomicon, in violation of the Thaumaturgical Safety Provision of this Society's charter, Article 289, section 43, paragraph ten.

"Next, it slandered the articles of KL&B as 'a mixed grill of truths, half-truths, and untruths' in a statement issued by a staff member of this Sythetical society, whose only qualification for her position is a knowledge of an unusual range of sexual positions."

Here Mr. Boringman handed out a number of prints of a photograph showing Miss Katz' examination by the president of BURSITIS.

This article is unusual in that any name was given. Usually BURSITIS releases are not even given an author, thereby making it impractical to correct its authors when they make mistakes.

Although BURSITIS has examined the situation to come up with the author of 'The Foreign Hand Tie', they have apparently failed to check the story's accuracy. There is only a 3.219717% chance of it being more than fifty percent accurate, while the situation described in the KL&B release, which they improperly released has a 98.7234108% change of being within sigma of certainty.

The fact that a war now exists between Rwanda and Burundi does not alter the accuracy of the prediction of the improperly-released article. A check of page three of Galaxy Magazine for November 1973 will reveal an advertisement for a time machine. A Mr. Nofi is one of the people involved in this time machine. He is also a staff writer for Mutinus Nightstand, a front for BURSITIS. Obviously, someone in Turkey has read the article, causing the war.

As to the alleged death of Mapease, BURSITIS has a hard time distinguishing fact from fiction. The allusion they make in their covering article is to another non-speaking part played by Mapease. He is undoubtedly alive. The Mixumaxu Gazette has announced its plans to support him as the Marxist Party candidate for President in 1976.

As for Atlantis Real Estate, apparently the staff of BURSITIS has not checked the ownership of the firm. If they did, they would have discovered that it is owned by KL&B.

I therefore move that BURSITIS' synthetical licence be revoked."

The matter has been referred to the proper committee and the charges should either be supported or cleared within a few days. In the meantime, I suggest that you avoid the accused firms. Frequent some other synthetist. The local firms should be in your telephone directory; if you are uncertain, check with your local Better Business Bureau.

/signed/ Irving T. Schlotz
President, ASS

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active players, all readers will be getting #299 and #301 in the same bundle. This will end the distribution of GRAUSTARK by 3rd-class mail. Except for back issue orders and sample copies, all issues will henceforth be distributed by 1st-class mail.

There are a few errors and addenda to be reported on recent issues. Gamma Two, publishers of Quebec 1759 and 1812, has somewhat revised the rules of the former game so that the British do not have so strong an advantage. (For details see a review of the revised moves in a future issue.) Michael Heim's Aswan, reviewed in #289, came out in a paperback edition just in time to be rendered obsolete by the renewal of war in the Middle East. I have just received the French edition of Bergeron's and Lavaille's The History of Quebec, also reviewed in #289. A second volume, carrying the story from 1715 up to the fall of French Canada in 1759, is now out in French, and will be published in English before too long. Fraser's Flashman at the Charge has been published in hard covers in Great Britain; American publication will follow sometime next year. I plan to review the SPI game American Revolution in a forthcoming issue of GRAUSTARK, with generally favorable comments. The pseudonymous author called "Jerry Jacks" in my review in #289 of David Mason's Devil's Food actually calls himself "John Jakes". (Ahahaha.)

Corrections to the Directory published in #298 will appear in #301, along with a list of "New Blood" - people who have written in inquiring about GRAUSTARK and/or postal Diplomacy. A new stand-by list for GRAUSTARK Diplomacy games will appear in #302.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

[For rather too long, GRAUSTARK has let letters to the editor go, in favor of press releases, articles, book reviews, and miscellaneous blatherings by the editor. At long last the backlog of letters is being cleared up. Some of them, critical of the editor's former political views, are deleted as superfluous in the light of the announcement on p. 4; others, supporting these views, can only add fuel to a controversy that has already gone on too long.

[The rest will appear in the order that I take them out of the letters file, with the date they were written if that is known. Between letters are quotations from the hilarious novel Puckoon by Spike Milligan. Milligan is best known as the author of the Goon Show scripts, and creator in them of such memorable roles as Eccles, Comte Toulouse-Moriarty of the House of Roland, Miss Minnie Bannister, and one identified only as "Throat". Puckoon is a sleepy little village in Ulster, located on the boundary line between Northern Ireland and the Republic - until one day when the Boundary Commission comes through....

[Comments by the editor are indicated in brackets.]

DICK TRTEK (9 May 1973): 72.24b: I got off to a slow start, which always spells trouble for Germany. After I seized the Rhineland and Romania, everybody else kept shoveling PFs into the homeland, so I sat back and gathered my own strength. I hoped to find myself in "Spring 1940" with oodles of PFs and no Us in Germany. But it didn't work. The 3-1 attack on Russia in '39 that fizzled was very frustrating.

So, I decided I'd try to team up with someone, with my goal now 2nd place. Britain was the logical choice, since he held the second largest pile of PFs and was in a solid position in general. Before I got around to writing him, though, Tim [Carleton, playing Britain] wrote me proposing the same thing. So it was set. Assuming the attacks come off all right, we should knock the shit out of the US and France, and my 12 pts. will be enough to finish behind Britain.

[It was. See GRAUSTARK #289, p. 7 for details.]

72.26c: Not much to say here. I was riding high until Poland fell. Now the Baltic may fall. [It did; see GRAUSTARK #289, p. 6, for a final report on this game, in which Trtek played USA.] I don't know what France is up to, but I'm making sure that at least Russia won't get 5 pts.

73.3a: I've decided that the best thing for me [USA] to do is twiddle my thumbs until 1940. Actually, for the US this version [Anti-Bolshevik Crusade] is worse than the Aggressive French-British variant. At least in 72.19d I had the eventual pleasure of trying to mess everyone up. Here, with a "positive" set of objectives, things will be dulllllll! [Furthermore, the USA has 10 Understandings as its goals in the Anti-Bolshevik version, it only gets enough PFs to establish eight. See GRAUSTARK #301 for the conclusion of this game.]

73.6x: The US objectives defy comprehension, but he may finish in front of me [Britain]. I drew straws to decide which NCs would be worth 6 and 4 pts. Ironically, Rhineland and Poland won. I expect Franco to win, edging out Germany, who'll edge out Russia, who'll edge out me.

[All this will come clear in GRAUSTARK #302.]

"The peat had run out thirty years ago and the peat cutters had run out not long after; some went to America, the rest stayed behind and hit each other with loaded sticks but it never really caught on and they dispersed."

WALKER LANE (15 October 1972): I must comment on your sneer at Ed Abbey (GRAUSTARK #273): he is no mere "enthusiast" of the moment, having spent most of his life in the wilderness, some of it in the Forest Service, and having written about it for many years--try the card catalog of a local library. He is also a good drinker and a gentle man. If you do not like physical solitude and expanse, at least do not judge too hastily the figures of those who do.

[This had to do with a New York Times column by Abbey, that put down technology and urban living in favor of the wilderness.]

...The political columns no longer make sense to me, though I try to read them. I suppose I've become apolitical, annealed by academic routine...

[I agree with this much more now than I did at the time it was written.]

"...like all Irish he could make Good Morning sound like a declaration of war - which it usually was."

CONRAD VON METZKE (9 June 1973): May I compliment you most strenuously (?) on a magnificent discussion of the whys and wherefores of the honorable Charles Norbert Reinsel in GRAUSTARK #290? You have seen the latest Jastrzab from Wrobel, haven't you? (No, you haven't; he doesn't trade.) [There are exceptions.] It was an excellent analysis of Charlie's psychological orientation, leading to the conclusion that Reinsel really doesn't understand the first thing about Diplomacy except the tactical technicalities, which in this game amount to nothing. But then we knew that.

...You may be a bit disappointed with Reinsel's reaction to your sending of copies of 289 and 290. Ever since I started printing every psychotic bit of drivel he wrote or published in Costaguana, he's shut up everywhere but in Big Brother. Which is itself on the ropes due to mass resignations and dropouts. If you hear from him, I'd enjoy knowing what he calls you, but I anticipate silence. [Which is what came to pass.]

How long have we been in this hobby together, John? 1965? Good God. [Don Miller is the only other survivor from those dim and distant days.]

...Lastly, on Walker and Luxor. I appreciate your point about his general veracity at times (is that an anomaly?) though he has mellowed considerably since his, um, conversion; but on one point he is unequivocally telling the absolute truth. He does not publish Luxor. I know, because I do.

"The bride-to-be waiting at the church while he, the groom, was still at home, standing naked in front of a mirror, a top hat angled jauntily on his head. 'By Gor, she's getting value for money,' he said.

"Hurry up, Dan lad," his father was saying, 'you're late, and you can't get married in that nude.'

"And why not?" said Milligan, admiring his honeymoon appendages. 'Adam and Eve done it and look at the fine honeymoon dey had.'

"Thank God," said the old man, 'dere were no press photographers at dat weddin', or the Houly Bible would ha' been banned in Ireland for ever, perhaps longer.'"

JOHN LEEDER (20 May 1973): Another entry for the Alternate Worlds sweepstake: Baphomet's Meteor, translated from the French author Pierre Barbet. Perhaps you recall that the Templars, a knightly order founded during the Crusades, were charged with worshipping a demon named Baphomet, and were disbanded because of this. Barbet's premise: suppose this Baphomet were a stranded extraterrestrial being who provided the Templars

with technological aid in return for materials to repair his communications equipment and contact his own kind to be rescued. In Barbet's scenario, Baphomet gives the Templars matter-duplicating machines as well as a sort of tactical atomic grenade. With the help of these devices the Templars not only regain the Holy Land but conquer everything due east, including the Cathay of Kublai Khan.

Interesting premise, God-awful realization. Perhaps the translator is largely to blame. The translation is lifeless, the characters are stiff tapestry figures, the plot is a dreary succession of battles. Imaginary history written by a rather dull and pedantic historian. But it is an alternate-timeline story. (Paperback, DAW books.)

"Money! The parish was spiritually solvent but financially bankrupt. Money! The Lord will provide, but to date he was behind with his payments. Money! Father Rudden had tried everything to raise funds, he even went to the bank. 'Don't be a fool, Father!' said the manager, 'Put that gun down.'"

G. L. LAMBORN, 2163 McHogan Dr., Falls Church, Va. 22043 (28 June 1973): Though very belated, please accept my warmest thanks for your very kind review of Emperor of China which appeared in the Winter edition of Moves [#6]. A "super-gamer" friend of mine showed me a copy of your article in late April, and I have been proudly circulating copies to parents and friends since that time. Your article, and that by Mr. LaForec, were both very well written, well-researched, and quite informative.

I should explain that I am not a game-designer by trade, nor am I a "super-gamer". Rather, I am a China area specialist with a Master's degree in Chinese regional studies working for the Government. At the time I invented Empy, I was still a graduate student at the University of Washington's Far East and Russian Institute. The idea for the game actually hit me like a thunderbolt while I was attending one of Dr. Dull's outstanding lectures on classical Chinese history. I went home (late December 1970), got some pennies and beans, went to the Geography department to get a topographic map of China, and started work. In a sense I designed Emperor of China out of a love for the subject rather than as a conscious project which someone set for me.

As you do, I find the seeming "cyclical" nature of Chinese history fascinating. For every act there always seems to be a precedent act. And, as you know, these precedents or historical parallels (and the lessons drawn from them) have been studied by Chinese military and political strategists from Sun Tzu down to Mao.

As you correctly observed in your article, "China has alternated between periods of centralized government...and periods of 'Warring States' when several contending local rulers and various invading barbarians were fighting each other." The latest in this pattern was indeed the unification of China by Mao in 1949. One point should be observed, however. And that is that much of China is still controlled by strong military-political regional commanders like Ch'en Hsi-lien in Manchuria, and Hsu Shih-yu in the Nanking Military Region. Perhaps we have not yet witnessed the end of regionalism in China.

In any case, I tried to make the allusion to the present period of Chinese history (1924 to present) obvious, but not obsessive. For both technical and commercial reasons, it may not be wise to do this anyway. (A more modern setting might be politically sensitive.) So, I attempted to present a tiny bit of introductory Chinese history and geography to a generally uninformed American public in the hope of stimulating some interest in the country, the people, and the history of China. (I've probably failed in this, however!)

EmPy still has several problems as you have no doubt noticed. These are in refinement of game board features and improvements on the rule manual. For example, I have had several letters inquiring about certain rivers, mountains, etc., and their effect on certain borders; also, a grievous error in Rule 6 states that TEN is the number of markers which may be in a province. SIX is in fact the correct number. I suppose if I had been a designer rather than a student, I would have done a better job. Even so, I enjoy playing EmPy and discussing EmPy, and if the fickle fortunes of public buying habits allow me to have a chance to put out a Revised Edition, I hope to include much of the experience and many of the criticisms which have come to me thus far. For this reason, I hope to get in touch with anyone who has questions about, any improvements upon, or criticisms of EmPy. I would frankly welcome the chance to answer the questions and take heed of the criticisms and improvements.

Again, thank you for taking the time to review my game Emperor of China, and for being so generous in your remarks. I appreciate your efforts very much.

[GRAUSTARK readers who have played this game are invited to send their comments to its inventor.]

"In the twenty-five years since World War I that had all changed; gradually the adulation for the Crown grew less and less. Queen Victoria had gone to her grave with the streets choked with mourning citizens; it was a very thin funeral crowd that watched King George VI to his rest; it followed that the funeral of our present Queen was going to be downright embarrassing."

BRENTON VER PLOEG (28 May 1973): Your tenth anniversary edition [#289] was quite the effort. My congratulations go out on every account save one--the swipe at Walker for authoring the homophile Diplomacy magazine. Now, I agree that his typewriter, or one very close to it, did the original magazine. Now, however, he denies authorship. It seems to me that his intent to deny authorship of such a venture would not arise after the fact, and would accordingly be dealt with beforehand by a simple method, the use of a different typewriter. Mind you, I hardly see anything untoward about a homophile magazine, although I am known to be too hetero for my own good. What a citizen's relation with his Mother might have been is certainly no concern of mine, yours, Charles Reinsel's, or anyone else's. If Rod says he didn't write it, I agree with him. Your letter in general, however, was a good piece of satire.

[At the time I brought out #289, I was relying on apparently mistaken information that Walker published Luxor. However, the satirical letter on p. 13 has nothing to do with his sexual views or practices. At the time I was bothered about whom he wanted to kill, not whom he wanted to screw. In general, it grates on my nerves to see otherwise blame-worthy men attacked for sexual unconventionalities as if this were the major issue. To take one example, John F. Kennedy's place in history will rest on his conduct of the Bay of Pigs and Cuban missile crises, and his Cold War policy generally, rather than on the fact that he was one of the most accomplished cocksmen in Washington. Nor will it excuse two of the worst kings in British history, Charles I and George III, that they were good family men, perfectly faithful to their wives if not to their Coronation Oaths.]

"The priest recovered quickly, restraining Milligan by the seat of the trousers.

"Oh, steady Father," gasped Milligan, "dem's more then me trousers yer clutchin'."

"'Sorry, Milligan,' said the priest, releasing his grip! 'We celibates are inclined to forget them parts.' 'Well, you can forget mine for a start,' thought Milligan. Why in God's name did men have to have such tender genitals. He had asked his grandfather that question. 'Don't worry 'bout yer old genitals lad,' said the old man, 'they'll stand up for themselves.'"

DOUGLAS REIF (27 June 1973): You have been continuously maligning the post-office, and I think it's time someone wrote something in its defense. In the Buffalo area, at least, one day service seems to be a reality. GRAUSTARK, which is usually postmarked Sun PM, invariably arrives with the Tuesday mail... Perhaps you'd be best off having your mail routed through Buffalo.

"As long as he said something in Latin they all thought they were getting value for money. As a young priest it bothered him that the faithful never took the trouble to learn the meaning of Latin prayers. As a test, and under the influence of an overdose of whiskey he had intoned the whole of a dirty story in Latin, which concluded with a solemn 'Amen' from the congregation."

MIKE HONIG: If I may, I would like to cast a vote for some sort of voluntary limit on the length of press releases!

While Bob Lipton, et al., display diarrhea of the typewriter almost every issue of GRAUSTARK, those of us writing occasional press of 1 to 4 paragraphs frequently have press postponed, until it is no longer pertinent to the game.

I hope you will consider this proposal, or some variation thereof, and either act upon it or submit it to discussion by your readership!

[Recently I have begun sending back to the writers various "press releases" which have little to do with the game and are mainly the writers enjoying the sight of their own words. Now that I am cutting out oversize issues, this stricture is going to be applied more rigorously.]

"Faddigan had run all the way to church.

"'Father,' he gasped, 'is it wrong to look at naked women?'

"'Of course it is,' said Rudden, 'otherwise we'd all be doing it.'"

ANDREW J. WEILL: By the way, why don't you limit guaranteed press space? Everyone should be assured a one-paragraph release, and longer ones should be given lesser priority. Or better, make a word-limit for guaranteed press.

[So few people actually write press that the amount of this limit would be hard to assess. There have been games like 1972E or 1973BS which have elicited almost no press releases. The best solution, it seems to me, would be to print them as they come in, with limitations such as I mention in response to the previous letter.]

"The little Chinese had done the trip to escape the stark poverty of China and was soon happily walking in the stark poverty of Ireland. He had jumped ship in Dublin with his worldly fortune of twelve pounds in yens. The money was pre-Czarist and was in several stages of devaluation at the same time. It took a Dublin bank clerk eighteen hours and two mental breakdowns to work out the exchange."

JOHN BESHARA (13 March 1973): Assignment of countries by preference listing is an excellent change in your houserules. The only disadvantage

I've encountered is that players sometimes forget to submit a listing, which either necessitates a delay in the start of the game until the information is secured, or the Gamesmaster arbitrarily assigns that player the last remaining country. [That's what I do.] Inevitably, the remaining country is Austria-Hungary or Germany. Some players, too, foolishly refuse to submit a listing. While it is not unreasonable to assign these players the last remaining country, there is a twang of conscience in penalizing a negligent player so early in the game. [If I had a conscience, I wouldn't have written that letter on p. 4.] I would, therefore, suggest in all such instances the Gamesmaster choose a listing by lot.

It is hoped you do include in your definition of a player who misses a retreat and then the subsequent moves, for a retreat is the completion of the move season. Allowing a player to miss a retreat plus two consecutive moves unduly disrupts the orderly conduct of the game and is unfair to the other players who fulfill their responsibilities in good faith. A word of admonition is especially due those who habitually miss moves, or ignore their commitments rather than resigning graciously when they are being creamed. Also, newcomers may be unaware of the irreparable damage caused by the failure of all players to compete honorably until the conclusion of each game. With the increased gamefee, it is ever more important to punctuate the importance of players recognizing their obligations to other players. If you do not wish to compete, advise the Gamesmaster so he can appoint a replacement; if there are extenuating circumstances prohibiting you from competing, such as an illness or a vacation, ask the Gamesmaster to extend the dwadline.

The responsibilities of replacement players are not diluted. When you first come into a game, negotiate aggressively, requesting the Gamesmaster to give you additional time, if needed.

[These are words worth marking. Since the four new GRAUSTARK games opened, five drops have taken place. Only one was a formal resignation; the other four drops were caused by two players in two games each, who simply dropped out of sight and did not respond.

[I cannot recall such a situation as John suggests in a recent GRAUSTARK game, where a player gets his move in but misses a retreat. If this happens, I would remove the dislodged unit but would not count it as a missed move under the provisions of Rule 5, p. 5, GRAUSTARK #286.

[In any event, the failure of one player can result in his country missing no more than one move. If the original player of a country misses a second consecutive move, his stand-by will have put one in, and it will be used.]

"The Major marched off, carelessly thrusting his pistol into the holster. There was a shot, a scream, and the Major took to clutching his foot and leaping. From nowhere the nobbly brown dog came snapping at his seat. What a noble sight! Man, beast and clutched foot, all leaping in perfect harmony! It was a great day for the Irish.

"It was a greater one for the Jews. To Doctor Goldstein they took the wounded man. Laying on a stretcher, Stokes saw the nose of Goldstein hovering above.

"I say," he said, momentarily forgetting his pain, "You're a Jew! I don't want any damn Jew operating on me. Take me to a white man!"

"There's no other doctor for fifty miles and unless that bullet is removed you'll bleed to death!"

"Very well, then," snapped the Major. "Just this once then!"

"Goldstein naturally knew of anti-Semitism. It was the most pleasant operation the doctor had ever performed. Without an anaesthetic."

BOB SPENCER (25 May 1973): This letter is in reference to your comments on page 60 of G^AAUSTARK #289, in which you stated that the American Civil War "...was not fought between 'north' and 'south' but between 'government' and 'rebel'."

As part of your justification for this remark, you noted that Farragut and Thomas were southerners who fought for the north [sic], which Pemberton, a Pennsylvanian, fought for the South [sic].

John, in WWII, there was a Waffen SS unit made up of British nationals - it consisted of about a dozen or so men. What would you think of the logic of someone who cited the existence of this unit in order to claim that England didn't really fight Germany in WWII? One can always find exceptions, whether they are southerners like Farragut and Thomas, for whom a lifetime in the national service had developed a loyalty to the United States as a whole which was strong enough to overcome their place of birth, or the case of Pemberton, who was indeed born in Pennsylvania, but who had married a woman from the Gulf States (Mississippi, I believe) and who, prior to the war, had lived in the South for many years. [As it happened, this was precisely Sherman's situation also.]

So the concept of "southern nationalism" is "maudlin romanticism", and the war was really fought to preserve slavery? The price of a field hand, with no special training or skills, was about a thousand dollars in gold in 1860. The vast majority of southern whites never saw that much money in their entire lives. The great bulk of the Confederate armies were made up of men who did not own, and could never hope to own, a single slave. Your view of the Civil War, John, would require one to believe that the Army of Northern Virginia fought the way it did for four years to protect the property of a small minority of rich men - property which, today, would be the financial equivalent of a fleet of Rolls Royces.

I am not going to claim that the "small minority" of slave-holders did not have a voice out of all proportion to their numbers, or that they did not blindly manipulate the southern states into secession, in order to further their own interests. What I am claiming is that those interests, though they may have been instrumental in starting the war, were not the motivating force behind the incredible resistance the south put up against a nation which was overwhelmingly more powerful than it was. [The population ratio between the loyal and traitorous regions was only about 3:2.] The masses of the Confederate armies which carried out the bloody charges of the Seven Days, Shiloh, etc., consisted of men who believed they were fighting for their families, their homes, their nation. Without this spirit of southern nationalism, the comparatively few slave-holders wouldn't have lasted a week. Can you imagine a mob of rednecks, motivated only by bigotry, holding off the Army of the West for four years?

[This argument on the motivation of the southern rebels is one that I have frequently heard before. Unfortunately, it does not agree with the rebels' own stories.

[Next to Dixie, their most popular war-song was The Bonnie Blue Flag. It begins:

"We are a band of brothers, and native to the soil,
Fighting for the property we gained by honest toil."

This song, sung by the South Carolinians who began the rebellion, puts the issues unmistakably clear at the outset. The rebellion was a defense of property rights - property in people.

[If "General" Nathan Bedford Forrest didn't know what the rebellion was about, nobody did. Forrest fought with particular vigor as long as a reasonable hope for the rebels existed. Afterwards, not willing to accept defeat, he reorganized his rebels out of gray uniforms and into white sheets as the Ku Klux Klan, which he headed. It could plausibly

be argued that he had a longer record of resistance against the US government than any other rebel leader. Certainly his view on why the rebellion was fought is more likely to be accurate than Spencer's or mine.

[Forrest laid it on the line at a rebels' reunion, years after the war. Several other rebels had praised their cause in terms of "southern nationalism", "states' rights", or other currently popular euphemisms. But Forrest, in his characteristically blunt way, said, "If I hadn't thought we was fightin' to keep our niggers, and for other folks to keep their niggers, I wouldn't have fought." (I quote his words as I recall reading them.)

[Spencer asks why dirt-poor rednecks joined in this fight. They joined because they hoped someday to own slaves of their own. During their lifetimes, Alabama and points west had been opened up to settlement and slavery. Great plantations were owned in those states by men who once had been poor. By 1855, a poor white Mississippi farmer could point to a nearby mansion and say:

"That mansion belongs to Colonel Whipstock. Thirty years ago he came west from North Carolina with just a mule wagon and a couple of niggers. Now he owns 10,000 acres and 800 slaves. I'm hoping to get me a plantation like that when they open up those new slave states like Kansas and Nebraska." To ensure this, one of the demands of the seceding states was that the African slave trade, banned since 1808, be re-opened to provide the manpower for these spectral plantations.

[The foot-soldiers in Lee's army were fighting for imaginary plantations and shadowy slaves lying in some distant future - "the Purple Dream", as Steven Vincent Benet called it. Look how men without reasonable hopes of ever making it big in a capitalist or a communist society have fought like tigers for capitalism or communism.

[Look how, in our own times, men have gone to the brink of rebellion to preserve their superior position as against other men of a different pigmentation. Only the memory of the humiliation their ancestors suffered in the cause of rebellion and racism has restrained them. And, as numerous sociologists have shown, there are real economic benefits to rich southern whites to have poor southern whites think this way.

[And so it was in 1861. The total market value of all the slaves held in the US at that time was about a billion dollars. A billion dollars' worth of property can always find defenders.]

"Mr. O'Toole jumped to his feet. 'This boundary affects me, terribly. My pub is all in this side of the border, all except two square feet in the far corner of the public bar.'

"'Is that a hardship?' asked Father Rudden.

"'Is it? That two square feet is in Ulster, where the price of drinks is thirty per cent cheaper. Now, every night, me pub is empty, save for a crowd of bloody skinflints all huddled in that corner like Scrooges.'"

DICK TRTEK (30 May 1973): As far as "ethnic Diplomacy" is concerned [see GRAUSTARK #289, p. 20] I put myself forward as a "grandson of a Czech peasant", or, alternatively, the descendant of a French Protestant refugee (mother's side). It might also be interesting, in this presumed melting pot, to see if anyone can substantiate a claim to have ancestors in all seven Diplomacy countries.

"The solicitor pondered. 'Ah, wait, think hard now, Mrs. Doonan, has he ever been unfaithful to you?'

"Her face lit up. 'By God, I tink we got him there, I know for sure he wasn't the father of me last child.'"

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A LARGE CITY ON THE SIENE (UFPI): The Vichy Government of King Alexander the first, today announced that three of its private citizens had become temporarily blind. Doctors have termed this a "pupil boycott". A contest has been formed around these three blind ~~men~~ ^{men}. The winner of the contest will win a two-week all-expense-paid vacation to Ireland, flying via Air Cunnilingus, the airline which licks 'em all!

PARIS (BION): Believe it or not, every press release you read today will have traveled by truck. As a matter of fact, it will most likely travel on at least two trucks. Some will come by airplane, some by train. They will all converge on this spot, today, on 27 October 1973, to help make up the greatest Diplomacy magazine in the world! GRAU-STARK!!! Hallelujah.

PARIS, FRANCE (EEE, Africa): The Australian government today announced mobilization of all persons who had previously volunteered for service in the Australian Army - both of them. The Australians had previously announced their staunchest support for the Spanish in the recently ended Franco-Franco war. Australia did not actually aid Spain in any way.

DARWIN, AUSTRALIA (AWK): "We will invade France, we will conquer France, and then we will destroy France."

DARWIN, AUSTRALIA (AWK, 3 days later): The provisional French government in Australia today had Prime Minister Worth Less (no relation to Gunther Less), Prime Minister just 3 days ago, release this statement, "They invaded Australia, they conquered Australia, and then they destroyed Australia." Amen.

LONDON (EEE, Africa): "Gather round the fire, children, and I'll tell you all the story of the Trojan Whores. Back in good old Iowa, in a small town virtually owned by the Trojan Company, with mandatory overtime, quality control, et al., the executives used to test one out of ten for quality control (cough, cough).

[THE REMAINDER OF THIS PRESS RELEASE WAS HEAVILY CENSORED.]

MARSEILLES (HAPPENSTANCE): The French government has announced that it will present Mr. John Boardman with the Imperial Order of the Napoleonic Double-Cross for his courage in the face of a hot-air explosion from Mid-town Manhattan. The explosion was caused by a penny-pinching Coke-guzzling ink-wasting flunkie who recently escaped from Bellevue. His act of bravery was humering me by printing all this shit. My thanks, John.

BROOKLYN (URRP): Mutinus Nightstand, publishing czar and chairman of the United Rabblo Rousing Press, denied that "all" of the HAPPENSTANCE, EEE, AWK, and related press releases were being transmitted by his agency. "I don't send out all of it," he said, "only the best of the lot."

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VENICE: The Austrian monarchy, upon discovering the beauty of Venice and tasting their fine Italian wines, wish to share these riches with the rest of the world. The French and Turkish fleets are approaching the Italian shores to take on the Austrian gift of 1000 hogshead of wine from southern Italy. Germany will receive 1500 hogshead of wine for its help in liberating Venice and as a gesture of continued friendship between the Tyrolian Reserves and the Munich Garrison.

VENICE: The provisional governor general of Venice has requested that wine samples be gathered from all parts of Italy. Turkish fleets have moved into the port of Rome and approach Naples to begin the worldwide wine distribution scheme of Count von Clay of the Austrian Court. French fleets will take on some of the initial surplus wine production as ballast for the voyage to England where it will be bottled and sold as

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THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

In the 31st chapter of his Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Edward Gibbon included a brief account of the "Manners of the Roman Senate and People" on the eve of Rome's fall to Alaric and the Goths. Using the account of the perceptive ancient historian Ammianus Marcellinus, he describes the feasts of the Roman aristocracy, and among the comestibles mentions squirrels. This last word is printed in italics, and in a footnote Gibbon expressed his doubt as to whether it is a proper translation. "The want of an English name obliges me," he wrote, "to refer to the common genus of squikrels, the Latin glis, the French loir; a little animal who inhabits the woods and remains torpid in cold weather."

Any modern Latin or French dictionary will translate these words as "dormouse". The creature is not a mouse, but a sort of miniature squirrel. The name "dormouse" is most likely an Anglicization of the French dormouse, referring to its sluggish habits. It does not occur in the New World.

The curious point here is that Gibbon, writing in 1781, knew of no common English name for this animal. Yet Lewis Carroll, writing 84 years later, was able to speak of a dormouse in complete confidence that everyone knew what the animal is. Did the name come into use between the publication of Decline and Fall and the publication of Alice? Or was the erudite Gibbon simply unaware of the existence of a name for the animal in England's common speech?

Incidentally, most American illustrators of Carroll's works seem to think that the dormouse is an ordinary mouse. The Carroll memorial statue in Central Park perpetuates this misconception.

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David Isby of SPI has an interesting theory on a controversial item of British history. In 1688, the British succession was drastically shifted by the birth of a son to King James II. Previously this Catholic king's heirs had been his two Protestant daughters by his first wife, the Princesses Mary and Anne. Now it appeared as if a Catholic succession was firmly established on the British thrones.

King James was just then doing his very best to make a Catholic succession unpalatable to his subjects. He proceeded against the adherents of the Church of England so vigorously that it appeared not a question of whether Protestantism would be dominant, but whether it would be tolerated. Accordingly, Protestants put about a story that the new-born boy was no royal heir at all, but a suppositious child smuggled in in a warming pan. The story was plausible, since only Catholics had been present in the birth chamber, despite the fact that Princess Anne lived only a short distance away. According to Isby this child (later notorious as "the Old Pretender") was the son of a certain Captain Oglethorpe.

For centuries most historians, whether partisans of King James or of the revolution that overthrew him later in 1688, have regarded this tale as born of extremist malice. But if the medical evidence is called in, there may be something to it. King James II was rotten with syphilis. His first wife died of it, and his second wife had had several stillborn children before the 1688 birth. Neither of his daughters ever had a healthy child, though Princess (later Queen) Anne had 17 confinements! Yet the "Old Pretender" lived in good health to the age of 78 - a thing almost impossible to accept had he inherited syphilis.

It is bitterly ironic to think of the thousands of devoted Jacobites who risked their estates and their very lives in the cause of dynastic legitimacy - all in behalf of men whose proper name was not Stuart, but Oglethorpe!

YE KATZ: A HAIRY TALE

by Evan Jones

Thyse yse ye storye of ye Alyx Katz
 Who lyveth in a olde Manhattynt flatz.
 He verily doth lyk to ynsult Jones,
 Who trow he makyth scoundryl Katzoff means.

It startyd backe in 1957e,
 Wheyn ye good Lorde fartyth from hys Heavyn.
 Ye noxious gasse fell to ye Earthe wyth splatz,
 And that yse how bygan ye Alyx Katz!

Wheyn he wyr younge he wyr not very nice;
 Hys hobbe wyr to pulle off wyngs from flyse,
 And whyle he agyd he wyr so orful oon,
 Hys parynts wysshed to shoote hym to ye moone.¹

He lyk to strytech and breake in piecys worms,
 Because, he saith, "I lyk to watche thym squirms.
 'Tis wys, today, to practice skyls," he saie,
 "I planne to be ye presydent som daie."

In hys younge growyng yearse he "Dippy" learnyd,
 Whych sune around all of hys ynteryst turnyd.
 Butte now, not oon wyl lysten to hys gabbe,
 For whold so much as turne hys back, he'd stabbe.

When Katzoff did subscrib to Dippy 'zine,
 He plaed the worst of any oon I've seen,
 And wyth hys bloodie orful press releas
 Hast causyth readyrshyppe much eye diseas.²

He qwytt and turnyd to roade ye Pouch, and hark:
 Ysteems it more than he doth do GRAUSTARK,³
 Yclept ye Johne Boardemanne a rottyn fagge,
 And saith he runnyth "Commye pinkoe magge."

Hys funne he doth partak in merrie measur.
 He saie, "Gyrles are for babyse, boyse for pleasur."
 It giv hym tytylation to ye roote
 To giv a lyttl boye ye "olde in-oot".

O heare my warnyng, 'tis a general rule:
 Hys personality yse a cesspoole,
 And so ye horryd tayle I muste conclud;
 My mem'ry syckens thynkyng 'boot that dude.

1 - In a rockyt.

2 - See GRAUSTARK #297, last 3 pages.

3 - This was intended as a compliment.

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fine table wine from France.

German wine merchants, unaware that this is the source of the newly promised French supplies, have been bidding madly for a share of the English market. Confidence has never been higher in promises of what the French will produce.

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Al Nofi has informed me that SPI has brought out errata to the rules of Fall of Rome, a new SPI game reviewed in GRAUSTARK #296. The revisions remove the ambiguities cited in the review, and make the play of this unique solitaire war game considerably easier.